





To a little kid:

Good Luck &  
lots of it.

Helen

1/2 Liter #

Jim,  
Best of Luck.  
Verona Siller

"47"

Chuck  
Bocca

Dear James  
To a swell guy  
and son of the  
you. I hope you have  
lot of luck in the future  
Chuck  
Bocca

Dear Jones  
sweet

with Mary Anne  
yours the  
Mary Anne

James  
We brother  
you put in  
long time  
I long your  
a real fine  
gym hat of

Johnny:  
Good luck and  
Best wishes to  
your pal guy!  
Richard Sunderland



Dear Jim, Buck,  
Best of luck,  
Cuff +  
yellow rain  
your gate  
Landing

about 1000 ft. high  
at base of hill  
a very good N.C.T. soil  
may. may

Your letter  
 was  
 a small  
 was not  
 baby  
 pack

Jim  
I am wishing  
you all the luck in  
the world. - to a swell  
guy.

Jim  
Brown

Dear James,  
Best of luck to  
a swell guy.  
Felix  
# 866

Dear Jimmie,  
Best wishes  
Good luck  
to  
you

Bill  
Platis

Dear Roberts;  
Heads hoping that  
you are a great success  
in your drawing  
Artistic

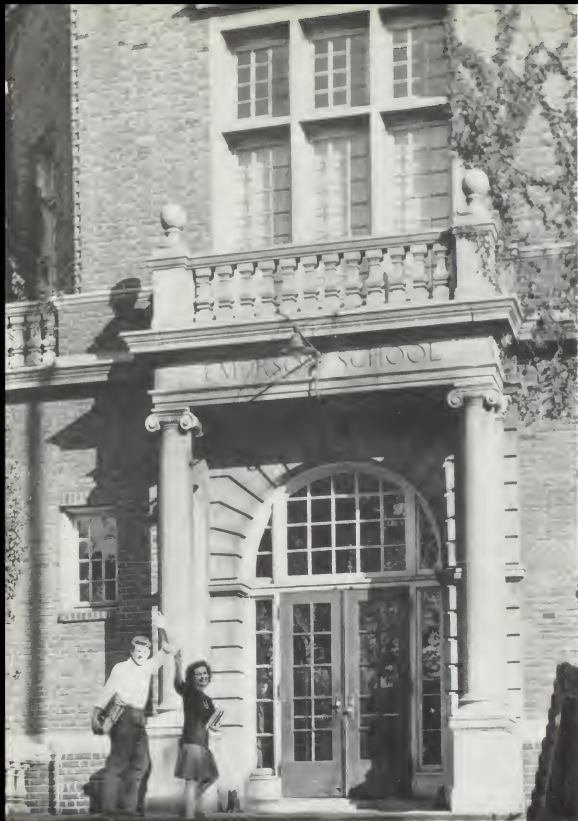
Don't know a little  
sort of mucky stuff  
you a one swell keed  
I don't know

Good luck  
and Best Wishes  
to you. your Pal  
Bliss

Wish of Good  
luck  
Walt. Burgh

Dear James  
I wish you keep up  
your good work. And I wish  
you all the luck in the  
world  
to ever  
from James

Best wishes  
to a swell  
little guy  
Roy Hyndman



Dear Jimmie  
 I don't  
 know you  
 very well  
 but I think  
 you're okay  
 Barbara  
 Taylor

Thousands Have Entered These Doors

1 9 4 5  
 EMERSONIAN

# The 1945

"A MAN HE SEEMS OF CHEERFUL  
YESTERDAYS AND CONFIDENT TOMORROWS"

—Wordsworth

*Wish you  
best of luck  
the all through  
C. C. Brin*



Emersonian

Join the other half of the Emersonian  
 and look for the new  
 'Promo'

Best of luck to  
 a fine season  
 and best wishes  
 for the future

W. H. A.



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ AS SEEN BY OUR PRINCIPAL . . .

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

# E. A. Spaulding

In Mr. Spaulding's 35 years at Emerson, thousands of boys and girls have entered these doors, that stand today like silent watching sentinels as they have stood in the days gone by. Thousands have lived their days here in both work and play, have graduated with many happy memories and have gone out to do their jobs in the world, whatever they might be chosen to do.

Their voices and their laughter have rung through these halls; the air is vibrant with their presence. Their footfalls have been heard here. The echoes of a passing day leave their marks as each has left his impression on the life here and carried away much to mold his future. Hundreds of these footfalls will not be heard again. They will be heard instead, with the passage of time, in the hearts and minds of those they knew and loved. Emerson shall remember them forever because of all the memories we have in common, and it was here that their lives were molded and directed.

Through all of these years as he watched each class come and go, Mr. Spaulding has been the staunch believer in American youth, an inspiring leader, and an outstanding educator, and has helped to further progress at Emerson High School.

Therefore, for his loyalty and devotion to Emerson, we, the Class of 1945, gratefully dedicate this book to him as another way of saying, "Thank you, Mr. Spaulding. Thanks for everything."





# Through Thirty-five Years

The oldsters of us have learned that time is an essential part of all changes. Many things that were dreamed of in 1909 when the Emerson School made its beginning have become realities as the decades have passed into history. Other things dreamed of are still in the process of maturing, and still others have been abandoned as time have given us more light.

In the beginning, Emerson School had the only school auditorium in the world with a stage equipped with a gridiron for handling of scenery (it also had the only swimming pool in a school building in the world.) In the beginning, there were two gymnasiums each 32 feet by 64 feet. There was no shop building. The only manual activity was in room 123. Room 107 was the school system's supply headquarters. A little later, room 107 housed the school print shop, and room 106 housed the school cabinet shop. This room was later changed to the school Machine Shop. The present typewriting room was at one time the school forge shop, while room 124 was the school foundry.

Near the center of the school garden, along the south side of Sixth Avenue we used to have a small barn in which was kept the team of horses, used to deliver coal to the school bins. A little later the Board of Education purchased some lots along the north side of Sixth Avenue between Carolina Street and the alley west of it. Here a large brick barn was built to house the team and wagons. In 1924 this barn was enlarged to house the school's forge, foundry, print shop, and auto shop.

In 1912, our two small gymnasiums were built out to the north giving us our present two lower gymnasiums. In 1920 the gymnasiums were built up another story and the rooms now housing the band and orchestra classes were built above the engine room. In 1926, the Primary Building was added to the Emerson unit.

Besides the changes in physical equipment, many changes have occurred in the student body and in the community it serves.

Present day students enjoy social activities that are supervised by the Board of Control through its Social Committee. Throughout the school year, we average two or three social committee parties each month of the year. In the early days the community was so opposed to dances that the school dared to have only one or two parties each year. Only sophomores, juniors and seniors could attend parties. The faculty and the community were certain that freshmen were too young to be exposed to the dangers of a school party.

The 1911 graduating class presented the Emerson School with its first good picture. It was a copy of

"Mother" by Rembrandt. In 1919 the Emerson School had its first Art Exhibition and made its first considerable addition to its art collection.

Fourteen of our oil paintings were purchased in 1921 at a cost of \$3,750.00. Through the years, the school has made additions to its art collection until we now have spent \$18,775.51 for pictures.

In the early days we played our football games on a field out at the American Bridge Company's Plant. We remember well the Saturday afternoon when we played Hammond and had what to us then was an enormous sum taken in at the gate. No tickets were sold in advance; all students and adults paid the same admission charge at the gate—namely, twenty-five cents. We took in eighty two dollars on this record breaking game. Later the City Park Board purchased the block just east of Emerson School, and we used it as our football field. In due time, the Board of Education purchased this block from the City Park Board, and it became a part of Emerson School. When night football became the usual thing, the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company made available to us the Gleason Field. Students should appreciate that this field is kept in condition and lighted by the Steel Company, and that schools are permitted to use it at no cost to them.

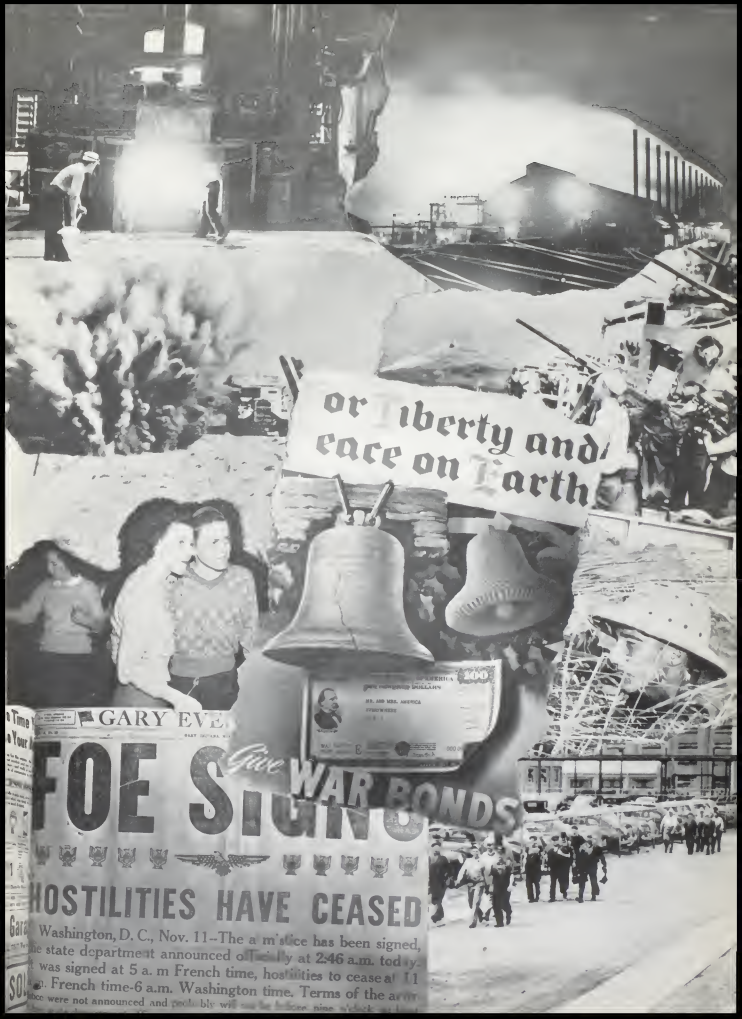
Our early basketball games were played in the boys' lower gymnasium. At a Whiting game we packed over fourteen hundred spectators into this gymnasium. Then our home games moved to the Armory and were played there until the Memorial Auditorium became available in 1928.

Following World War I in September of 1920, units of the R.O.T.C. were formed in Emerson School with Major W. W. Edwards in charge. At this time began the practice of having the bugle call sounded when the school flag is hoisted each morning and again when the flag is lowered at the end of the day. The practice of all students standing at "attention" twice each day is of twenty-four years' standing.

In 1913, Froebel School was built to become Gary's second full sized school unit. For a year or two the students of both schools played on the Gary High School teams, since both were too small to support separate teams. In 1915 each school began supporting its own team, and the competition between the two schools started. The Emerson Teams began to go by the name, Emerson, instead of the Gary High School.

With the hope that this tale of the Emerson School will stir happy memories in some of its readers, we return to the task of helping the school make more history.

*O. A. Spaulding.*



for liberty and  
peace on Earth



GARY EVE

FOE SIGNING WAR BONDS

HOSTILITIES HAVE CEASED

Washington, D. C., Nov. 11--The armistice has been signed, the state department announced officially at 2:46 a.m. today. The armistice was signed at 5 a.m. French time, hostilities to cease at 11 a.m. French time-6 a.m. Washington time. Terms of the armistice were not announced and probably will not be before nine o'clock, say some.



*Top Row, left to right:*

Glen Gunther, Art Steen, Jim Gram, Charles Rubis, Bob Wellman, Howard Reily.

Eugene Babilla, Willie Ferhat, Gordon Churchia, Richard Aydelotte, Dan Ciarraglia, Lloyd Johnson.

*1st Row:*

Bill Jacoby, Bill Levack, Jim Ludington, Bob Johnson, Joe Boswell.

# Long May Their Valor Last



## Gold Star Heroes

HARRY WARNE	ROBERT CASH
DOMINIC CIARFAGLIA	CLIFFORD HANSEN
FRANK SALTES	IVAN HENFEO
NICK RELIC	RUDY HORKAVI
GEORGE NABHAN	WILLIAM GOODWIN
PETER DOMBROWSKI	FLORIAN KLIMCZAK
JEROME FARABAUGH	MARSILE LAMBERT
STEVE CICIKLINSKI	HARRY McMULLEN
JOSEPH FERYO	ALFRED SHARTZER
RAY EVERT	LEONARD OLENIK
FRANK KRALIS	FRANK ZIELINSKI
JOE PANEPINTO	JAMES DAVEY
SAM PANEPINTO	FRANK YOUNG
JOHN BURNS	WILLIAM O'DONNELL
SAM LAZAR	
BERNARD FLOWERS	
JOHN B. MINICH	
JIMMY LOGAN	
GEORGE DAVID	
PAUL LARUSSA	

## Members of Class of '45 In Service

TOMMY THOMPSON  
BOB CARVER  
RICHARD AYDELOTTE  
GEORGE COSTLEY  
MERRIT LESCH  
JULIAN KAPLAN  
RUDOLPH ROMISCHER  
HERMAN RHODES  
DANNY BARRICK  
BILL COSTLEY  
GENE REIGLER  
EDWARD COOPER  
GORDON JANNEY  
CHARLES FLETCHER

STOCKTON COWEN  
JIMMY LUDINGTON  
NED PIESKI  
DON HAMILTON  
BOB WELLMAN  
JAMES NONUS  
TED MOHR  
LAWRENCE GRESH  
JOHN BUCKO  
HENRY ANTCAK  
RICHARD OLJACE  
GLENN GUNTHER  
BILL LIERMAN  
MIKE COROS

BOB KEMP  
CHESTER BOKICH  
PETER SOPKO  
JOHN CHONTOS  
JOHN SHEPARD  
BILL JACOBY  
JIMMY HILTON  
JOHN WELSH  
BOB BLATZ  
NICK MILLER  
JACK PALMER  
RICHARD KASPER  
BILL SULLIVAN



## Assistant Principal

Our assistant principal, Mr. Bohn, came to Emerson in 1941, and in the time he has been here, he has achieved a great deal in school accomplishments and in friendship.

Mr. Bohn has given both his time and energy so that Emerson can keep its name of a "truly outstanding school."

## Office Staff

*Standing, left to right: Mildred Biller, Florence Caulk, Marian Fickes, Dorothy Palasz.*

*Seated: Maurine Link.*



The sale of football and basketball tickets, the issuing of lockers, and collecting of book rental would be impossible without the help of the members of our office staff. They also are in charge of the big headache of those blue slips, issuing text books to teachers, and checking that seniors have enough credits to graduate in June.

Teamwork is not found just on the football squad or the basketball team; it is definitely displayed by our office staff. Mrs. Biller handles her job with quiet patience, issuing of lockers, and keys. Florence Caulk, who graduated recently, does her share by collecting book rental and taking care of matters in Mr. Bohn's office. Marion Fickes, a '44 graduate, lists the absentees, also types, and takes care of the eternal books. Dorothy Palasz, the financial wizard, guards the massive cash register, where she collects lab fees and sells football and basketball tickets. Last, but not not least, we have Maurine Link whose quiet efficiency conceals her real importance to all of us.



## Parents' Committee



*Back row:* Mr. Bohn, Mrs. Herold Herod, Mrs. Andrew Kaplar, Mrs. Regina Hall, guest, Mrs. Nettie Clements, Mr. E. A. Spaulding.  
*Front row:* Mrs. Peter Orr, Mrs. Steve Churchia, Mrs. Mrvichin, Mrs. Stephen Rashevich, Mrs. Wood.

In 1932 when Dr. Wirt was superintendent of our public schools, he suggested a committee of parents to meet and discuss the problems of students and teachers.

This committee proved to be a great success and has become well known as the Parents' Committee.

At the meetings, which are held every month, the parents become better acquainted with social and academic problems which are facing their own children, and they are better able to meet these problems at home.

Our Parents' Committee has come out on top of all their problems, and we are very grateful to them and their sponsor, Mr. Spaulding, for the fine work they have done.

The Emerson Community club is a new organization which meets once a month in the Emerson primary auditorium. The aim of the club is to bring the school and community, which it serves closer together. The club has about 150 members. Mrs. John A. Auld is president, Mrs. W. L. Plunkett, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Herold Herod, program chairman.

# His Associates

*"Blessed is the man who is happy in his occupation."*

*When we think of the spirit of Emerson, in the present and in the past, we always emphasize the warm friendliness which permeates the atmosphere of the building. When we asked the graduates and the men in service what they remember as its finest attribute and why they like to come back to visit at Emerson, they invariably said that everyone is cordial here, that it is homelike and has become so much a part of their lives that they cannot forget.*

*It pleases us to bear these tributes; we are justly proud of that reputation.*

*When we asked the faculty what had contributed most toward this good feeling, they agreed that it was the harmony and close cooperation with which the teachers worked on projects and activities necessary to the social life and progress of the school; also to the pleasant association of working with a principal who gives few orders but believes so sincerely in the loyalty of his teaching staff, their high principles, and integrity that he inspires them to do their best.*

*Any room or corridor in the building is a likely place for informal conferences between members of the faculty and their principal, Mr. Spaulding. On the opposite page, he is telling some of the "old timers" about one of our war honor roll list who had been cited for gallantry in action.*







FACULTY

# F A C U L T Y



## LANGUAGE ARTS

*Above on the right:* Miss Benscoter, Miss Elliott, Mrs. La Deaux, Miss Smith, Miss Tappan, Mrs. Plum, Mrs. Greenwald, Mrs. Pierce, Miss Doyle.

## SCIENCE

Miss Boal, Mr. Flinn, Miss Tinsman, Mr. Warrum.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

Mr. Carlberg, *standing:* Miss Grieger, Miss Newton, Miss Portmess, Miss Wolbrandt, Miss Ban.

## SCIENCE

Between bugs, smelly gases, and Archimedes' theory, our science classes are kept pretty much in an uproar with fun and excitement learning new and valuable facts.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Letter writing is the order of the day! Never have composition courses been more important. Write that V-Mail!

This year the language arts department has also emphasized South America and the "Good Neighbor" policy.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

The discussion of world problems and of politics became more important than before during this election and war year.

Our minds sail from the Social Science classes out toward India, France, and the Pacific where many of our own Emerson boys are fighting.

# F A C U L T Y

## MATH AND COMMERCE

After all these years, the Mathematics department is still trying to find out what the well known Mr. X represents, while the Commercial department is kept busy producing more blossoming young stenographers.

The Commerce department has been generous in helping both the *Emer-Sun* and the *Emersonian* to produce.

We could not do without them!

## AUDITORIUM

Auditorium is the hour that is packed full of both dread and entertainment.

We dread the thought of giving a speech and yet we are surrounded by music, laughter, drama, and variety of knowledge.

This year we were overjoyed to see results of Auditorium training when the movie, "Christmas Holiday" came to Gary, starring our own Dean Harens.

## INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Emerson is the first school in Gary where a student was given the opportunity of studying and training in so many fields of vocational value thus giving us a foundation for the future.

*Below on left:* Miss Keller, Miss Beeler, Miss Sipavich, Miss Rowe, Miss Smith, Mrs. Housekeeper, Miss Gwinn and Miss Talbot.

*Below:* Miss Cromer, Miss Sayers, Miss Harrison and Mrs. Palmer.

*Below on right, second row:* Mr. Garriot, Mr. Wirt, Mr. Rowland, Mr. Mowbray, Mr. Rogers.

*First row:* Mr. Harrison, Miss Nielson, Mrs. Hayes, Miss Ade, and Mrs. Wake.



# He Is Activity Minded

*In Mr. Spaulding's office there hangs a large calendar on which all school activities are tabulated chronologically. Whenever a teacher or student seeks an open date for an event, that calendar is consulted.*

*For anyone coming into Emerson, no matter what talent he has, or lack of talent, there is some activity in which he can take part. There are different kinds of activities for all types of students.*

*In each social group in which he finds himself, he has an opportunity to make friends and to develop a new and different side of his character, thereby gaining self-confidence.*

*His knowledge and his outlook on life are broadened by participating in all sorts of events and by assuming the responsibilities that come with taking an active part in extra-curricular subjects.*

*Everyone cannot play a trombone; everyone cannot dance a rumba; everyone cannot win an oratory contest; everyone cannot play with the "Melody Makers." Everyone cannot lift his silver toned tenor in A Cappella Choir, nor can everyone act like Bette Davis. One must develop his character and enrich his life by participating in many activities until he finds one in which he is happy and at ease.*

*No matter what type of talent the student possesses, he should find the place where he belongs, and where he can give some service to the school body.*





# ACTIVITIES

# Board of Control

*Standing:* Mr. Carlberg  
*Back row, left to right:*  
 John Barrick, Ed Steen,  
 John Charlebois.

*Middle row:* Adrienne  
 Bocksay, Irene Shotts,  
 Chester Bokich, Sadie  
 Fairley, Helen Donahoe,  
 Richard Swan, George  
 Colley.

*First row:* Gene Miller,  
 Bob Crane, Dan Barrick,  
 Mary Thanos.



The Board of Control was organized in 1912 to establish more effective cooperation in our school. It was suggested by Mr. R. D. Chadwick, a teacher at Emerson at that time.

This organization was to be as closely connected as possible with city and state organizations in order that students might get first hand information on community problems. The election of the board each year follows the Indiana election laws and has a constitution defining its power and authority.

They meet once each month and have definite assignments of work to keep them more than busy.

The Board of Control does its work mainly through four standing committees: Booster Committee, Scholarship Committee, Social Committee, and the Building and Grounds Committee.

The success of the Board of Control has been due to the fact they have been given a reasonable amount of authority and allowed to use it with out interference.

Chester Bokich acted as president of the board until he left for the Coast Guard in December. The duties since then have been carried on by the Vice President, Eugene Miller.

This student organization has for the past twenty-one years been under the efficient guidance of Mr. A. B. Carlberg, their sponsor.

The other committees which work with the Board of Control are the Building and Grounds Committee, the Booster Committee, and Scholarship Committee.

The Building and Grounds Committee, our so called Police Department, was really on the job this year. They introduced a new plan for hall order, which the students accepted and followed. They were led under the capable leadership of Robert Kaplar, President, and sponsored by Miss Ban.

The Booster Committee, which is composed of all the cheerleaders, and representatives from each class, is in charge of boosting all of the school's activities.

Our Scholarship Committee, under the direction of Miss Talbot, makes out the honor roll. This committee is composed of a representative from each register, who informs his register as to its good standing, and issues the eligibility list.



# Scholarship Committee

*Mitchell Munyas*



*of student*

First row: Rosemary Felts, Mary Kampouris, Lesh Allison, Alfred Smith, Warren Johnson, James Halvatgis, Clarence Fisher, Ned Miller.

Second row: Joan Lincoln, Josephine Rondinelli, R. Halaschach, Dorothy Shinnors, Roberta Polen, Miss Talbot, Adrianne Bocskay, Mitchell Munyas, Robert Dawson, Jerry Gerasimo, Rudy Mohr.

## Booster Committee and Building and Grounds



### BOOSTER COMMITTEE

Back row, left to right: Sadie Fairley, Helen Donahoe, Robert Cooper, Kenneth Wallace.

Middle row: Calleroy Coutouzis, Evelyn Halvatgis, Adeline Kuchta, Evelyn Biernat, Betty Keever, Robert Petrovich.

First row: Jack Charlebois, Dan Barrick, Robert Holt, Edward Steen.



### BUILDING AND GROUND

Back row: Roma Evans (Secy.), Dan Barrick (Chairman).

Third row: George McKinney, Julian Kaplan, Bob Kaplan.

Second row: Bertha Ward, Marilyn Kellstrom, John Biranes.

First row: Jim Carson, Bernice Grakey, Charles Bewick.



YEA - GOLD  
YEA - GREY

As this year's teams went out to victory — or sometimes to defeat, they were never without the support of our cheerleaders. Let's give a cheer for our cheerleaders. Adeline Kuchta, Ed Streen, Helen Donahoe, Barbara Smith, Calleroy Coutouzis, and George Calhoun.



## "DANCING IN THE DARK"



### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

*Upper row:* Alice Condo, Bob Crane, Helen Donahoe, Dick Colley.

*Lower row:* Jeanne Reece, Bill Kane, Margaret Apathy, Dick Swan.

So much of the work of the social committee devolves around the chairman that we are indeed fortunate to have one who handles her responsibilities as well as Alice Condo has done this year.

The work of this group is to supervise the sponsoring of all social functions and to see that all activities are carried on according to the rules of the school. Miss Reynolds is the head of this committee which is composed of two representatives from each class.



*First row, left to right:* Vernice Mayes, Leslie Glenn, Irene Shotts, Delores Reece, Shirley Jones, Jo Fernandez, Dominic Cefali.

*Second row:* Bob Sheerer, Ralph Settle, James King, Joe Jancarie, Danny Barrick.

# Boys'



*"Col.")*  
J. Ronchi

## BOYS' BAND OFFICERS

*Seated:* Arthur Benjamin.  
*Standing, left to right:* George Alexander, Ned Miller, Leland Penrod, Eugene Griffith, Jack Wilczynski, Rudolph Romischer, Martin Landis.

## SOLO CORNETS

Ned Miller  
Keith Fink  
Jack Wilczynski  
Eugene Griffith

## BASSES

Ricahrd Sappenfield  
Volney Poe  
Warren Johnson  
Wilbur Holden

## BARITONES

Stanley Strissell  
Bob Shesler

## SOLO CLARINETS

Leland Penrod  
Robert Dawson  
Martin Landis  
Robert Boone  
Joe Urban  
Bill Platis  
Paul Walker

## 1ST CLARINETS

James Ronchi  
Helen Fidler  
Bill Wood  
John Dematrakis  
Arthur Roy  
Don Wallace  
Donnie Taylor

## 1ST CORNETS

Ronald Brown  
Rudolf Romischer  
Duane Smeltzer  
Allan Fink

## 2ND AND 3RD CORNETS

Leonard Everett  
Andrew Galka  
Tom Josivoff  
Russell Frame  
Mitchell Munyas

## FRENCH HORNS

Boris Apostoloff  
Tom Motto  
Jack Williams



# Band

*Joe Montagna* x *Andrew Fair*



x *Melvin Lierman*

## 2ND AND 3RD CLARINETS

Harold Anderson  
Connie Kennedy  
Vincent Mrazack  
Leonard Barter  
John Castrinos  
Philip Turner  
Anna Mae Chervenak  
Maudie Johnson

## DRUMS

George Alexander  
Richard Sunderland  
Melvin Lierman  
Robert Williamson

## TYMPANY

George Alexander

## OBOE

Benjamin Aranav

## ALTO SAXAPHONE

Bill Kemp  
Bernice Muczynkowski

## TENOR SAXAPHONE

Arthur Benjamin

## FLUTE AND PICCOLO

Charles Vargo  
Tom Brown  
John Kish  
Rudy Mohr

## TROMBONES

Bob Burger  
Ed Steen  
Bob Shesler  
Gerry Goldman  
Kenneth Kirksey  
Kenneth Moiser  
Bill Lautenback  
Stanley Rzepka  
George Muras

## ALTO CLARINET

Pat Fisch  
Norman Robinson

The Emerson Boys' Concert Band, led by drum major Charles Vargo, made its first appearance playing for the Golden Tornado football games. Other events included playing for the Teachers' Convention on October 27, and playing several patriotic selections on Armistice Day at the Legion Hut. Also, the band performed on January 19, when the R.O.T.C. awards were presented by Mr. Harold Maxwell of the Chicago Tribune, and Lt. Col. Chauncey H. Hayden, Professor of Military Tactics for the Gary Regiment.

The annual Boys' Band Concert was given April 13, in Memorial Auditorium. Under the brilliant and skillful leadership of director Hubert S. Warren the band has won many national, state, and county awards and contests.

# Girls' Band

Emerson is one of the few schools in the county having an all girls' band.

The Girls' Band was first organized in 1923 by Mr. Warren with about 20 members, and has continued through these past 22 years with pride and of course has grown in size.

The war has prevented much of the band's activities, but in postwar days they will be out on top again, making tours and winning contests.

The band in its many years of success has played for patients at Hines Hospital, Lake County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, given concerts at the Palace Theatre, the Y.M.C.A., Ross and Portage High Schools, and of course many many other places.

The Girls' Band has participated in various High School contests ranging from city contests through county, sectional, and state to national contests. The band has had the honor of winning the Lake County Band Contest 5 times and has lost once.

For a few years they had a twenty minute broadcast concert weekly over the local station WJKS.

The officers of the 1944-1945 girls' band are Adeline Kuchta, President; Angie Cappony, Vice President; Ruth Ann Waitt, Secretary; Norma Rodgerson, Property Manager; Betty Babilla, Manager; Pat Fisch, Librarian; Rosemary Felts, Assistant Librarian; Dolly Burton, Assistant Manager; Dorothy Flanders, Assistant Property Manager.

*Top row:* Alora Wagner, Irene Manis, Rodmillo Pujio, Helen Fidler, Alice Pavlovich.

*Fourth row:* Mildred Samplis, Kathleen Evans, Ruby Kottaridis, Jeanette Genduso, Mary Owens, Elizabeth Ciarfaglia, Delores Previn, Norma Rodgerson, Calleroy Coutouris.

*Third row:* Aline Kuchta, Shirley Zimmerman, Marian

Zigich, Leonora Taylor, Shirley Hamer, Barbara Cato. *Second row:* Isabel Frame, Juanita Calhoun, Bernice Micezenkowski, Dorothy Flanders, Pat Boone, Barbara Bach.

*Bottom row:* Mr. Warren, Theresa Stawicki, Mary Ann Reed, Ruth Ann Waitt, Ann Yaselsky.



# GIRLS' BAND OFFICERS

*Standing:* Dorothy Flanders, Norma Rodgerson; Ruth Ann Waite, Pat Fisch, Betty Babilla.  
*Seated:* Angeline Cappony, Adeline Kuchta, Dolly Burton.



Their social event of the year was their annual concert held at the Memorial Auditorium, April 13.

The band is directed under the masterly baton of Mr. Warren and his assistant director, Mrs. Mistrovich.

In spite of the fact their social calendar is reduced in size, the girls still have loads of fun and can really give a wonderful concert.

*Top row:* Alora Wagner, Fay Manos, Rodmillo Pujio, Helen Fidler, Alice Pavlovich, Joan Pilcarsz, Anita Di Re.  
*Fourth row:* Ruby Kottardis, Jeanette Genduso, Mary Owens, Elizabeth Cifalia, Delores Prevence, Norma Rodgerson, Callero Coutouzis, Betty Babilla, Frances Vilanueva.

*Third row:* Leonora Taylor, Shirley Hamer, Barbara Cato, Alice Butts, Stella Yaksich, Emma Marmalejo, Eunice Eddy, Christine Angels, Shirley Strissel, Lavine

Piver, Alice Piasecki, Angeline Cappony.

*Second row:* Pat Boone, Barbara Bach, Delores Spann, Betty Keever, Rosemary Felts, Patricia Fisch, Mary Poole, Doris Coffman, Darlene Taylor, Mary Angelos.

*Bottom row:* Georgianna Corliss, Alice Loran, Patricia Potts, Greta Isenberg, Barbara Ryneron, Mary Katchis, Maudie Johnson, Helen Hodges, Blanche Bertley, Pat Rhoades, Donna Delaney, Mrs. Mistrovich.





*Top row, left to right:* Keitli Fink, Dorothy Davis, Helen Miller, Jeanette Coros, Frances Jazen, Olga Dotlich, Margaret Fisher, Melvin Greensville, Spiro Lemakis, Jeanette Zale, Irene Metaxas, Betty Randall, Charles Vargo, Dorothy Lewandowski, Ruth Ann Waitt, Georgianna Corliss, Ann Yaselski, Donald Wallace, Alora Wagner.

*Third row:* Ben O'Melia, Robert Green, Karal Stevens, Paul Stropke, Alice Fisher, Nan Shultz, Betty Kosak, Lorraine Courage, Jean

*(Continued on opposite side of picture)*



## Concert

The Concert Orchestra was actually begun in 1915-20 under the direction of Mr. Snyder. It consisted of about thirty pupils and the only time they had for rehearsal was in their lunch hours. It was intended to acquaint students with good orchestral literature; to give each student a chance to learn an orchestral instrument; if he so desired; to furnish appropriate music for school and community gatherings; and to provide ensemble experience for advanced instrumentalists.

In March of 1920 Mr. Warren came to Emerson, but he taught our band in the morning and went to Froebel in the afternoon.

In 1928 Mr. Warren took over the band and orchestra completely. During that time it was growing larger; and Mrs. Mistrovich came to Emerson in 1935.



### BAND AND ORCHESTRA INSTRUCTORS

*Left to right:* Mr. Warren, Mr. Bobele, Mrs. Mistrovich.



Fisher, Adrianna Bosckay, Marcell Haviland, Steve Milick, Helen Leiber, Ray Flannagan, Jack Davis.  
*Second row from the bottom:* Bob Combs, Tony Bokich, Nick Lemakis, Walter Landis, Milton Friedman, Joan Lincoln, Mary Thanos.  
*Bottom row:* Oscar Alterwitz, Donald Oljace, Louisa Di Re, Frank Brudnowski, Robert Friedman, George Alexander, Mrs. Mistrovich, Mr. Warren.

# Orchestra

The Concert Orchestra has given many successful concerts. Many of the students who have played in the orchestras of past years are well known musicians now.

There are now about eighty members in the orchestra. Two concerts were given this year, one on February 2, and one on May twenty-fifth; Bob Kaplar was the student director as well as the violin soloist at the concert; Keith Fink was the trumpet soloist.

On September 9, 1944, the members of the Emerson Concert Band elected officers to lead them proving that democracy rules even in the band room.

Each officer is allowed one day in the week to direct a few selections in order of his rank.

On December 17, 1944, the officers planned a Christmas party for the band and 22 dozens of doughnuts and 12 gallons of chocolate milk were devoured in the six hours.

The 1945 crop of officers proved to be as efficient as ever for the work their respective offices demand.



ORCHESTRA OFFICERS (Left)  
*Third row:* Adrienne Bosckay, Ruth Ann Waitt, Dorothy Lewandowski, Alice Fisher.

*Second row:* Paul Stropke, Enid Moise, Dorothy Davis.

*First row:* Robert Kaplar, Pat Kuzma.

TWIRLER PICTURE (Right)

*Second row:* Evelyn Halvatgis, Anna Mae Chervenak, Alice Pavlovich.

*First row:* Radmillo Pujo, Donna Richards.



*First row, left to right:* Stephanie Rashevich, Betty Lee Jones, Darlene Taylor, Delores Reber, Louise Di Re, Connie Garcia.

*Second row:* John Connor, Carol Miller, Kathleen McGuire, Nicki Kypreos, Kathryn George, Verona Biller, Bob Kaplan.

*Third row:* John Castrinas, Albert Shaw, Betty Poulos, Marilyn Kellstrom, Phyllis Cramer, Helene Karras, George Castrinas.

*Top row:* Stanley Rysepka, Louis Kamporis, Terry Clark, Robert Holt, Mike Coutouzis, Danny Barrick, Bob Shesler.

## A CAPPELLA CHOIR



*First row:* Christine Angelos, Dolly Burton, Edythe Goldman, Mary Ann Kaminski, Irene Metaxas, Betty Babilla.

*Second row:* Mona Finton, Rosemary Cummer, Bessie Pantinas, Jean Kuck, Alice Pinkowski, Adrianne Boskav, Dick Mersenski.

*Third row:* Lois Nelson, Dorothy Lewandowski, Ruth Ann Watt, Dorothy Davis, Edith Witherspoon, Jeanne Anderson, James Fox.

*Top row:* Boris Apostoloff, Duane Smeltzer, Robert Gallagher, George Neague, Dick Hall, Warren Johnson, John Bizanes, Jack Schaff.



*First row:* Marian Parsons, Jackie Smith, Margaret Fisher, Dolly Burton, Alice Fisher.

*Second row:* Norma Smith, Georgianna Corliss, Delores Irzyk, Adriann Bockskay.

*Third row:* Mary Kampouris, Ann Yaselsky, Jane Auld, Alice Pinkowski, Dorothy Lewandowski.

*Top row:* Pat Kuznia, Helen Yuro, Edith Wotherspoon, Dorothy Davis, Ruth Ann Waitt, Jeanne Anderson.



## GLEE CLUB

*First row:* Pat Young, Marion Zigich, Betty Lee Jones, Helen Wellman, Catina Coutouzis.

*Second row:* Leonardo Taylor, Elizabeth Ciarfaglia, Dorothy Necco, Marcell Haviland, Rosemary Felts.

*Third row:* Aristy Vardos, Marilyn Kellstrom, Kathleen McGuire, Bessie Pantinas, Frances Juarez.

*Top row:* Helen Pany, Frances McGuire, Margaret Orr, Beverly Fenton, Mary Skorich, Betty Randle.



## R. O. T. C. FACULTY



Corporal Levy

The Emerson R.O.T.C. unit of "45" was one of the largest ever formed at Emerson. It had an enrollment of 234. A new hour at 10:30 was formed for the incoming cadets.

On January 19, in an assembly in the auditorium, Lt. Col. Chauncey H. Hayden, Professor of Military Science and Tactics announced the cadet officers and winners of the *Chicago Tribune* medals. Lt. Col. Leland Meade Penrod received the third year medal, and 1st Sgt. Robert James Elwood received the second year medal. Expert and sharpshooter ratings were given to cadets who qualified for them on the range.

The annual Military Ball was held at the Gary Armory on the night of April 7. The awarding of officers' commissions and non-coms' warrants preceded the evening of dancing to the music of Wally Humphrey and his orchestra. Major George Alexander and 1st Sgt. John George received the *Chicago Tribune* awards for Military efficiency and Scholastic standing while Lt. Col. Leland Penrod and Tech. Sgt. Mike Maragos received the Rotary Club's award. Tech. Sgt. Carl Carnahan was the winner of the American Legion Auxiliary award for neatness. Rifle team presentations were given to Lt. Col. Keith Fink, Lt. Col. Leland Penrod, Capt. Ned Miller, H/Sgt. Milan Uzelac, S/Sgt. James Halvatgis, Pvt. James Carson, and Sgt. Pat Foster. Fink and Penrod also received awards for firing in the midwest matches at Culver. (Is there anyone of the fairer sex who would volunteer to help Leland Penrod carry all those medals?)

Emerson has had quite a few replacements of officers who were in charge of the unit. The year started out with Sgt. Basil Lee and Cpl. Joseph Levy. The Corporal was transferred to Louisville, Kentucky, and Sgt. Lee was taken to a hospital to recuperate from an illness. Sgt. Lee is now back and in the best of health. Sgt. Baxter, Sgt. Holland, and Sgt. Davidson are now in charge of the Emerson unit. They receive their orders from Lt. Col. Chauncey H. Hayden, Professor of Military Science and Tactics, who is Gary's R.O.T.C. commander.

Emerson has twenty-five commissioned officers this year with one regimental Lieutenant Colonel, Leland M. Penrod, and one battalion Lt. Col. Keith I. Fink. The officers have a great responsibility in setting a good example for the cadets who aspire to be officers some day.

# HOME ON THE RANGE---R.O.T.C. STYLE

That grizzled old army veteran you students see walking around our halls with so many stripes on his sleeve that he looks like a walking barber pole is Master Sgt. Davidson seated to the left in the picture. The army has been his life since 1913 and he has overseas stripes from both World I and II. He has been retired from an active Captains' commission in this war, but like all real army men, he couldn't quite retire from the army yet. The gentleman to the right is Sgt. Holland, an ex M.P.; he does the book work for our battalion and spends his time after school teaching the first year cadets rifle marksmanship on our range.

Sgt. Davidson instructed and managed our rifle team at the armory each night.



*Sgt. J. H. Holland*

## RIFLE TEAM

*Prone:* James Halvatgis, Jim Carson.

*Sitting:* Ned Miller.

*Kneeling:* Keith Fink, Leland Penrod.

*Standing:* Milan Uzelac.

## R. O. T. C. CADET OFFICERS

*Top row, left to right:* Earl Shubert, Robert Kaplar, Robert Rottenberg, George Alexander, Harold Rickard, Ned Miller.

*Second row:* George Wahlsmith, Robert Carver, Jack Wilczynski, Robert Elliott, Eugene Griffith, James Ronchi, Julian Kaplan.

*First row:* Rudy Romischer, Arthur Jascoviak, Alan Combs, Keith Fink, Leland Penrod, Louis Magramas.



# "There's Something



## TOP PICTURE

Top row, left to right: Cieslak, Razumich, Mayes, Lesch, Kokos, Holt, Rzepka, Klamo, Carson.

Third row: Rackoff, Brown, Mynatt, Lineback, Castrinos, Grabczyk, Zeller, Janney, Sargis, Doneff, Carnahan, Kane, Uzelac.

Second row: Swanson, Dawson, Mohr, Vas, Stevens, Ortosky, Ilinkovich, Orgon, Oljace, Reid.

First row: Robinson, Oljace, Elliott, Platis, Jascoviak, Fink, Griffith, Weiss, Boone.

## LOWER PICTURE

Top row, left to right: Donley, Sheerer, Nikchevich, King, Halvatgis, Settle, Petrovich, Goldman, Burger.

Third row: Gurgevich, Dolatowski, Olenik, Zemel, Tenta, Frame, Frame, Schaff, Depanion, Mihal.

Second row: Settle, Alterwitz, Smith, Manfurt, Kutch, Plunkett, Wroblewski, Brudnachowski, McLeod, Stropke.

First row: King, Thrasher, Virtikapa, Mihal, Steinmetz, Doyle, Wilczynski, Benjamin.

# About A Soldier



TOP PICTURE

First row, left to right: Cooper, Kordas, Guilinas, Basich, Lewandowski, Westergard, Alley, Dakich, Plemich, Weiss, Theodoras.  
Center: Mike Mihal.  
Second row: Castrinos, Ciesielski, Lewandowski, Johnson, Hyndman, Roberts, Bocia, Wynder, Richardson, McCosh, Clemens, Brennan.  
Third row: Komlenich, Martin, Foster, Cowan, Msetapha, Green, Carlberg, Erler, Grabryck, Barrick, McGuire, Stienmetz, Pasuit, Bilski.

LOWER PICTURE

First row, left to right: Rickard, Young, Penrod, Romischer, Kaplan, Rottenberg, Miller.  
Second row: Vidal, Popoff, Raysses, Steen, George, Weiss, McLaren, Shesler.  
Third row: Necco, Hansen, Lewandowski, Gasper, Guemple, Cummer, Parker, Foster, Baralis.  
Fourth row: Kozar, Kutch, Ciesielski, Willard, Burtner, Mersenski, Mulloy, Preuss, Hall.



# The GIRL and The KNIGHT



Top left: Jean Knox  
LARRY KARRAS.  
Above left: Gene Mc  
Norma Smith

John Eason, Delores Rysic, Carl Camacho, Eric Mae Haller  
Dick Hall, Dolly Burton, Barbara Smith, Doris Gault

Another year of war brought the combining of the Junior Prom and the Senior Farewell, usually held separately. More than 200 "Ladies and their Knights" danced under white-and-gold colored, rose-covered arbors, to the sweet music of a former Emersonian, Mickey Isley.

The traditional Grand March was led by the Senior President, George Alexander, and his partner; Joan Schafer, second came the Junior President, Dick Colley, and his partner, Agnes McConnell. Following the presidents came the officers of the Junior and Senior classes in order of the March.

The elaborate programs, which carried out the theme, had the Emerson School crest in gold on a red felt background.

Below: Kenneth Wallace, Doris Dobrick, Lester Mayes,  
Delores Reece, Bob Yesh, Shirley Jones



# "THANK YOU SO MUCH"



## CANDY SELLERS

*Left to right:* Marianne Petrakos, Gwendolyn Timmerman, Marcell Haviland, Anne Yaselsky, Georgiann Corliss, Bernice Brummer, Betty Fedorchak, Betty Aton, Mary Thanos, Leda Andasen, Milly Churchia.

## ANNUAL STAFF ADVISORS

Miss Tappan, Miss Bay, Miss Beeler.

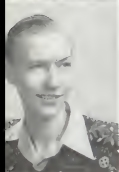
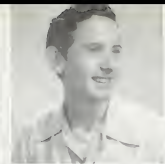
Teaching history isn't the only thing that Miss Ban does at Emerson; in fact, she is responsible for those in-between candy snacks that we all enjoy each day. Getting candy wasn't an easy matter, but Miss Ban and her able assistants, Marianne Petrakos and Irene Pawlowski, certainly came thorough with flying colors. Also helping with the sales were Betty Aton, Gwendolyn Timmerman, Betty Fedorchak, Pauline Hicks, Mary Thanos, Millie Churchia, Marcell Haviland, Bernice Brummer, Ann Yaselsky, Georgiann Corliss, Leda Andersen, and Adriann Bocskay, who gave their study hall hours each day to assist us. Each year the candy sellers work for the benefit of the *Emersonian*, and we want to extend a well earned "thank you" to each and every one of them.

Not only do we owe a "thanks" to the candy sellers, but also to the Annual Sales Staff, whose untiring effort sold about 75% of the annuals this year. Miss Beeler heads this staff, whose star sellers are: Mary Scorch, Helen Pany, and Alice Pinkowski.

## ANNUAL SALES STAFF

*Standing:* Bob Apathy, Bob Crane, Josephine Rondinelli, Dan Barrick, Madeline Parthun, Mona Fenton, Leda Andasen, Edythe Goldman, Mary Churchia, Mavis Copley.  
*Seated:* Mary Skorich, Marianne Petrakos, Helen Pany.







# Emersonian

Grey hairs, headaches, and more grey hairs!! These are the rewards for a hard working yearbook staff. Just take a look around you at all the "Yours truly's," and you'll see what we mean when we say that publishing a year book in wartime is no bed of roses.

Hard work was plentiful, but supplies were sometimes lacking. At times we had a camera; at times we had the boy to take the pictures. It was a miracle if the two ever met at one time, at one place, and for the same purpose. The staff was a little behind on its work because of our belated start; but it didn't prevent us from plunging head on into the pile of work that was waiting for us.

At first, we worried for fear we couldn't have padded covers or the beautiful color scheme we had "rigged up." Flash bulbs were as scarce as hen's teeth. When half of our problems were finally straightened out, we discovered that the majority of our staff members decided to take a week's vacation by punching the dime store clocks during the Christmas rush week. When we hoped we had *some* left in our clutches, someone would be found up in the rifle range trying to add a few more medals to his collection, or he was on his way to Hammond to rent a tuxedo for the prom. It seems that the annual staff does everything else in the building besides the year book. But, as someone must have surely said at one time or another, "It's all in a day's work."

On October 9th, while we were still in our toddling stage, we ventured out on a cold winter's night to the Annual Publication Conference at Horace Mann School, at which Editor H. B. Snyder of the *Post Tribune* spoke on "Racial Relationship." We were proud of our representative speaker, Anna Belle Reily, who spoke on "Sidelines."

Similar to previous years, the Booster Committee gave a pep session for us, and on March 20, the staff held a benefit dance for the purpose of choosing the ten senior personalities. After the dance the staff enjoyed an informal party at the home of Warren Johnson, where his parents served refreshments.

Our greatest hour of disappointment came near the end of the year with the book already in the hands of the printer. We found ourselves with no covers. After the first moment of shock had passed, we began a wild scout about the countryside for a cover, and at such a late date, we could not get the colors which we wanted. If you are anxious to know the colors we had planned, get a staff member in a corner someday and ask him, but we doubt if he'll tell you.

In the first week of April our boys' editor, Rudy Romisher, left us to join the Navy. Connie kept on going with her share of the responsibility; and we know that the staff was minus a wonderful worker and we missed him every minute. Good luck to you, Rudy!

*Top row, left to right:*  
Betty Ferguson, George Alexander, Rudolph Romischer, Shirley Groves, Donna Little.

*Right hand side, vertical top to bottom:* Anna Belle Reily, Keith Fink, Esther Shabaz, Bessie Pantinas.

*Bottom row, left to right:* Sam Sargis, Barbara Smith, Consuela Garcia, Robert Rottenberg, Josephine Fernandez.

*Left side, vertical, top to bottom:* Warren Johnson, Rosemary Cummer, Judith Miller, Mary Angotti.

*Inset:* Adele S. Tappan.

# SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY



*First row, left to right:* Bill Batalis, Connie Garcia, Bob Crane, Ruth Ann Waitt.  
*Second row:* Mike Coutouzis, Dorothy Shinnars, Rose Toth, Anna Belle Reily, Bessie Pantinas.  
*Third row:* Edward Oljace, Bob Elwood, Dick Colley, Alice Syler, Rosemary Felts, Enid Moise, Fredia Bando, Irene Pawlowski, Mary Lewandowski.  
*Fourth row:* Keith Fink, Leland Penrod, Mary Sperl, Dorothy Davis, Henry Cieslak.

## SENIOR HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS

*Left to right:* Connie Garcia, William Batalis, Robert Crane, Ruth Ann Waitt.

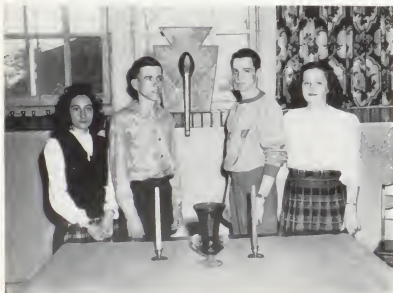
"To you we throw the torch,  
 Be yours to hold it high  
 Symbol of Wisdom's search  
 Where truth's deep secrets lie,  
 Lighting the learner's path  
 In darkest parts of earth  
 The sign of scholar's faith  
 In man's eternal worth."

These are the inspiring words of the song "To You We Throw the Torch"; a song which typifies one of the aims of the Senior Honor Society.

The induction was the same impressive ceremony of past years. Many parents, students, and members of the faculty were witnesses to the candle-lit services. Afterwards visitors were invited to a tea held in the Home Economics room.

At its annual induction on April fourth, eighteen students chosen by the faculty committee, Mrs. Greenwald, Miss Tappan, Miss Newton, Mr. Carlberg, Mr. Warrum, Mr. Flinn, Miss Talbot, and Mr. Spaulding, were inducted on the basis of leadership, scholarship, character, and service. Dr. Paul Weinandy, the guest speaker, gave an inspirational talk on *Tolerance*.

Under the supervision of Miss Tappan and Mr. Harrison, the society has sent the *Emerson News* to each of Emerson's men in service from the classes of '44 and '45. It was a hard task, but because the thought behind the work was so worthwhile, it was always done. The social committee has generously paid the postage for this project.



# JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



*First row:* Jo Ann Lincoln, Toula Veikos, Mary Thanos, Edythe Goldman, Dolores Ryan, Renee Friedman, Sally Short, Mildred Zigich.

*Second row:* Greta Isenberg, Helen Lieber, Emma Marmaly, Marion Zigich, Shirley Hamer, Barbara Cato.

*Third row:* Mary Ann Reid, Barbara Rhyncarson, Jane Auld, Milly Churchia, Mary Kampouris, Virginia Hampton, Leonora Taylor.

*Four row:* James Samis, Donald Levy, Richard Elson, Norman Yrvice, Bill Wood, Gordon Bryan, Louis Kampouris, Bob Swank, Don Oljace, Constantine Theoharis, James Platin.

"Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character" are all important in our life. Those who have achieved even a part of these in junior high school, are given the honor of being made members of the Junior Honor Society.

This group includes at present 65 members, sponsored by Miss Lortz. The officers this year are: president, Greta Isenberg; vice president, Leslie Glenn; secretary, Leonora Taylor; and treasurer, Billy Wood.

Once a year new members are inducted; this year the induction was held on May 22, when 28 new members were admitted.

The Junior Honor Society members enjoyed a Christmas Party on December 2 in the girls' gym; games were played; carols were sung; and refreshments were served.

The symbol of the Junior Honor Society is the burning, golden torch. All who wear this symbol have tried to achieve the important fundamentals of junior high school life.

## JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS

*Left to right:* Leslie Glenn, Greta Isenburg, Lenora Taylor, William Wood.



# SPICE AND VARIETY

## SPICE AND VARIETY

*Flag Carriers, left  
to right: Carl  
Carnahan, Frank  
Mihal, Bill Bata-  
lis, Clifford Thrasher, Bob Brown.*



## FINALE

## MEXICAN FIESTA

*Dancing: Betty  
Jones, Wanda  
Chaja, Adrienne  
Boesky, Dolores  
Irzyk.*



## MEXICAN FIESTA

## SPICE AND VARIETY



### TROLLEY SONG

Jean Anderson,  
Betty Babilla,  
Betty Jones, Kathleen McGuire,  
Catrina Coutouzis,  
Dorothy Lewandowski, Wanda Chaja, Bessie Pantinas, Pat Finch,  
Anne Belle Reilly,  
Roma Evans, Marilyn Kellstrom.

## TROLLEY SONG



### BOYS' FASHION SHOW

*Kneeling:* Jim Finnerty, John Bizanes, Lester Mayes, Robert Yesh,

*Standing:* Jack Schaff, Bob Apichy, Bill Sullivan, Merritt Lesch, Mike Coutouzis, Bill Costley, Bill Oliver, Joe Jan-carich, Emmett Bossk.

## FOOTBALL BEAUTIES

## DRAMATIC CLASS

Graduation may close the dramatic careers of many students. For others, the dramatic work of high school may serve as a background for the further study in this field. All, however, have profited richly from their experiences, since every-day speech plays a vital role in life.

The Senior Dramatic Class puts variety into daily studies it is beneficial in building up personalities, and it is pleasant and entertaining to the participants as well as the student body.

The members, ranging from each grade level, are chosen by holding tryouts at the beginning of the semester. The students form committees in which they took actual part in the arrangements of the stage lighting, stage props, costumes, and make-up, in the production of a play. Each person is given the opportunity to direct and make all arrangements for one play each year.

Some of the class' outstanding presentations of the year were their one-act plays: "The Boor"; "Thanks Awfully," and the "Jeweled Hand." "Forbidden" was their Christmas play. They also took their part in "Spice and Variety" where they gave a brief review of "Drama in the Making."

Their traditional big production, "Everyman," was given once again at Easter time and was repeated Monday night April 9, for the benefit of other dramatic classes of the city.

Since the retirement of Miss Paul, Mrs. Palmer has taken the part of the Dramatic instructor.

### DRAMATIC CLASS

Upper picture: Duane Smeltzer, Bob Gallagher, Enid Moise, Alice Pinkowski, Pat Fisch.

Lower picture: Bob Gallagher, Alice Pinkowski, Pat Fisch.





# Christmas Pageant

*First row, left to right:* James Wendt, Richard Jackson, Doyle Shoup, Allen Fink, Nan Schultz, Shirley Strissel, Dan Molchan.

*Second row:* Barbara Bock, Mary Katarides, Connie Baydek, Mary Crowe, Charles Malast, Tommy Motto, Bill Young.

*Third row:* Diane Vallance, Nancy McNiece, Marlene Ammon, George Kampouris, Adrienne Michnick, Teddy Karras, Martha Garner.

*Fourth row:* Phyllis Brown, Bary Gold, Sonia Balenko, Micky Finton, Billy Bodnar, James Kapreas, Bob Locke.



## ANGELS

*Rear row, left to right:* Esther Johnson, Joyce Banker, Lois Svendsen, Mary Holmes.

*Middle row:* Charlene Fuhrman, Ina May Louks, Mary Helen Stanko, Adeline Hensley.



## MANGER SCENE

*Front row:* Bob McCoy, Ned Miller, Pete Ilkovich, Ray Flanagan, James Ronchi.

*Back row:* Lois Svendsen, Marilyn Kellstrom, James Fox.



Another wartime Christmas found our traditional Pageant as lovely as in the past years; for many of us it represents the real spirit of Christmas.

The angelic faces of Miss Cromer's Junior Choir, carrying candles down the center aisle, will long be remember, as will the lovely Christmas carols sung by Miss Sayers' A Capella Choir and the Girls' Glee Club.

The readers, Alice Pinkowski and Warren Johnson, created a mood of reverence. The part of the Virgin Mary was portrayed by Enid Moise and the part of Joseph by James Fox.

# SENIOR CLASS OF EMERSON

Presents

## LETTERS TO LUCERNE



### SENIOR TRYOUTS

First row: Anna Belle Reily, Alice Pinkowski, Dolores Hile, Enid Moise, Betty Babila, Betty Jones, Adeline Kuchta, Kathleen McGuire, Marilyn Kellstrom, Mrs. Palmer, Frank Guemple.

Second row: Warren Johnson, Dorothy Davis, Adriann Bocksay, Dolores Gile, Connie Garcia, Mary Angotti, Theresa Motto.

The Seniors chose *Letters to Lucerne* for their play this year. The play opens near Lucerne, late in the summer of 1939, in Madame Rameau's American school for girls. Attending the school are girls from England, Germany, France, Poland, and America.

The war with Germany has already begun, but under the protection of a wise and pleasant school-mistress, the girls are living an idyllic life, apart from the hatred of the rest of the world. As the play progresses, the conflict between Erna, the German girl, and the other girls gets deeper and deeper, but like many good plays it has a happy ending.

Mrs. Gertrude Palmer directed the play, which was given in the afternoon and evening of May 11.

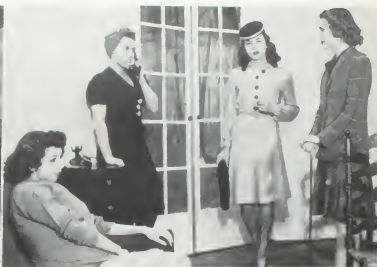
After the play many alumni attended the Senior Homecoming Dance which was held in the girls' lower gym.

The cast was as follows:

Anna Belle Reily	Mrs. Hunter
Enid Moise	Miss Linder
Frank Guemple	Francois
Betty Babila	Margrathe
Warren Johnson	Gustave
Adriann Bocksay	Marion Curwood
Marilyn Kellstrom	Olga
Connie Garcia	Felice
Adeline Kuchta	Bingo Hill
Esqueline Burton	Sally
Louis Magrames	Koppler
Larry Bleicher	Hans Schmidt
Dolores Gile	Publicity
Dolores Hile	Student Director
Terry Motto	Student Director
Betty Lee Jones	Property

# JUNIOR CLASS OF EMERSON

## Presents NO MAN'S LAND



*First picture, left to right: Jo Fernandez, Jackie Smith.  
Upper right hand picture: Julia Motto, Nell Burns,  
Katherine George, Barbara Smith.  
Lower right hand picture: Anna Mae Chervenak, Marcia  
Barrett, Dolores Barrick, Jackie Smith.*

The war has changed us in many ways, but I think the most important change is the lack of men. The juniors solved the male problem of a leading man, however. They didn't have one. Yes! The cast was wholly feminine.

The cause of all the trouble was a man, though. (As usual). And believe me there was plenty of trouble! Under Nydia Marbles' (Anna Mae Chervenak) expert and practiced hands the incidents soon involved everyone in plenty of, shall we say, "hot water"? The other characters were played by Marcia Barrett, Dolores Barrick, Barbara Smith, Julia Motta, Carol Miller, Alice Weiss, Kathryn George, Jackie Smith, Nelle Burns, Agnes McConnell, and Josephine Fernandez.

We'll certainly have to hand it to these girls for the wonderful job they did. Also, we hand orchids to Miss Ekeberg, the new speech instructor, who directed the play. With a background like this play we are looking forward to many more triumphs.

# SOPHOMORE CLASS OF EMERSON PRESENTS SEVEN LITTLE REBELS



*Upper left:* Beverly Lane, Mildred Zigich, Gerry Levenberg, James Roberts.

*Upper right, top row:* Roger Symes, Cushman Lineback, Paul Kutch, William Hurdlow.

*Third row:* Mrs. Palmer, Robert Shesler, Verona Biller, Mary Holmes.

*Second row:* Dolores Ryan, Mary Kapnas.

*First row:* Helen Wellman, Mary Kehaya, Mary Stanko.

*Lower left:* Beverly Lane, Gerry Levenberg, Mildred Zigich.

*Lower right:* Sally Short, Betty Balsley, Beverly Lane, Esther Johnson, Jeanette Niepokoj, James Roberts.

The show's the thing! Hundreds of Gary people crowded the Emerson High School auditorium to see "Seven Little Rebels," presented on November 1, 1944. It was directed by Gertrude Palmer and written by Rosemary Gabbert Musil.

The play was presented for the Children's Theatre. The Children's Theatre was established to bring quality entertainment at reduced prices. Mildred Harter Wirt heads the organization; Stephanie Rashevich and Alice Pavlovich represent Emerson at the meetings.

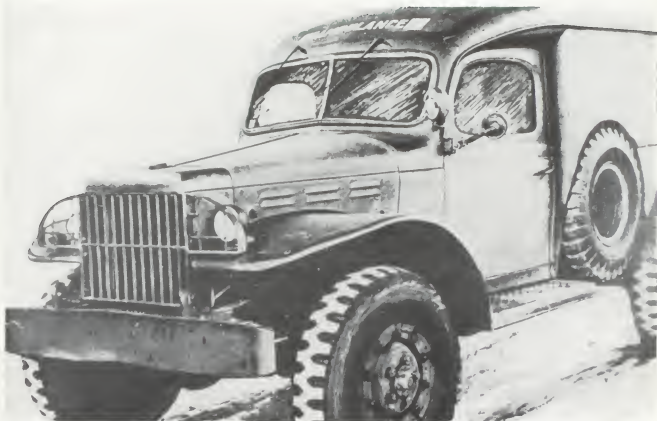
## THE CAST

Lizetta, the colored cook	Mildred Zigich
Jimmy, a regular boy	Richard Green
Mike, his pal	Gerry Levenberg
Letta, the cook's little girl	Beverly Lane
Penny, a little girl	Renee Friedman
Billy, her crippled brother	James Roberts
Miss Thelma, the children's nurse	Edythe Goldman
Dr. Tony, the settlement doctor	James Carew
Janet, a settlement child	Jeanette Niepokoj
Lizab th, her friend	Esther Johnson
Miss Proudfoot, president of the board	Sally Short
Miss Dorothy, a graduate	Rose Sedita
Rosemary, another settlement child	Betty Balsley
Policeman	Roris Apostoloff
Dr. Grayson, a distinguished psychiatrist	George Neazu
Miss Baker, well loved director of the settlement home	Joyce Baker

## PRODUCTION

Student Director	Mary Kapnas
House Manager	Hazel E. Harrison
Properties: Dolores Ryan, Mary Helen Stanko, Helen Wellman, Mary Holmes and Verona Biller.	
Program:	Lillian Abraham, Office Practice Class
Stage:	John Alley, Roger Symes, Robert Shesler and Cushman Lineback.

# OUR INVESTMENT IN VICTORY



## WAR BOND

*First row, left to right: Miss Harrison, Alice Pinkowski, Miss Cromer.*

*Second row: Richard Jackson, Doris Picchitino, Marion Zigich.*

## ALL OUT AMERICANS

General Chairman	.....	Alice Pinkowski
AOA Chairman	.....	Marion Zigich
AOA Major	.....	Richard Jackson
AOA Adjutant	.....	Doris Picchitino
Faculty	.....	Hazel Harrison, Melba Cromer

We students at Emerson have tried to back up those who are serving our country on the war front by doing our bit on the home front.

Our achievements include the many projects of All Out Americans, a junior civilian defense organization, organized in Gary and accorded national recognition for its war activities. This group was organized in 1942 to help conduct the scrap-metal salvage drive. We at Emerson with the aid of the high school students collected 35,400 pounds of scrap in this drive. Since that time we have collected about 175,000 pounds of waste paper and additional scrap. Our war stamp booth has been open every day from eight to four since Pearl Harbor.

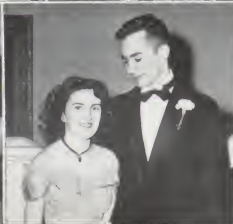
Our total record of stamps and bonds sold until March amounts to over \$190,000.00.

Last year we earned enough to buy nineteen jeeps, although our aim was only five. This year we made our goal the purchase of five field ambulances. We sold enough bonds and stamps to buy nine of them and had \$795.00 left over.

We are now trying to buy at least six weasels during the seventh War Loan Drive. The cost of these is \$4,815.00 each.

This report does not include our Red Cross activities, victory gardens, child care program, junior policemen and fireman activities, model airplane building, and several hundred garments made for Russian children this year. We feel that we have told you enough to make you realize that Emerson Students are really trying to be "ALL OUT AMERICANS."







# ANY NEWS ?



Second row, left to right: Milton Friedman, Bob Reed, Leo Settle, Sue Umpleby, Dick Colley, Gerald Mulloy, Rosemary Komlenich, Betty Aton, Florence Caulk, Etta Mae Heller, Lester Mayes.

First row: Harold Rickard, Dick Hall, Mr. Harrison, John Frame, Dolores Ryan.

Sponsor: John Harrison

We are happy to report that the year of 1944 brought back to Emerson a bi-weekly school newspaper. The first edition of *The Emer-Sun News* was on sale on October 2, 1944. Mr. Harrison is the sponsor of the news staff which represented each class and the Emerson School Art Club. The typing class worked had with the typing. The newspaper consists of a Giddy Gossip page, school news, and a sports section. Upon the graduation of Florence Caulk in February, Rosemary Komlenich became editor.

## STAFF MEMBERS:

High School Editor	Rosemary Komlenich
Junior High School Editor	Donald Levy
Editorial Board:	
Business and Lay-outs	Lester Mayes
Circulation	Bob Crane
Alumni News	Helen Brickley
	Virginia Dwyer
Sports	Gerald Mulloy, John Frame
Society and Gossip	Etta Mae Heller
	Dolores Ryan
Typists	Donna Little, Freida Bando,
	Betty Aton
Art	Dick Hall, Bob Reid
Reporters	Leo Settle, Bob Elliott,
	Harold Rickard, Adeline Kuchta
Copyreader	Calleroy Coutouzis,
	Mary Wisely
Sponsors	John D. Harrison, Daisy Rowe



## NEWSPAPER SALE IN THE HALL

Second row: John Plunkett, Helen Cunningham, Nick Roytan.  
First row: Audrey Sides, Dorothy Shinnars.

# "THANKS FOR



"GLAD TO SEE YA"  
Fred Shieba, Bob Kemp, Hubert Lazar, Bob Umpelby.

"PUPPETEERS"  
Doris Blake, Ruth Wolf, Mrs. Cothier, Marjorie Crowel, Patsy Little.

"I BIN' WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD"  
Bob Yesh, Bob Iatrola, Bob Apathy.

"WE'RE PROUD OF YOU"  
Service List.

"JIGGERS, MISS BAN'S COMING"  
Lester Mayes, Harold Rickard, Rosemary Cummer, Tom Fernandez, Mary Angotti, Jack Schaff, Bob Rottenberg, Connie Augustine, Julia Motto, Wanda Nowicki.

# THE MEMORY''



Upper left, standing left to right: Joan Hile, Radmilla Pujo, Donna Richards.

Kneeling: Evelyn Halvagtis, Anna Mae Chervanack, Agnes McConnell.

Center left: Mrs. Griffith, school nurse.

Center right: Mr. Warrum, Wanda Nowicki.

Lower left: Dorothy Shinnars, Mr. Rowland.

Upper right, standing left to right: James Icenagle, Bob

Penny, Pat Fisch, Betty Fedorchak, Angela Muniz, Phyllis Achor, Bob Gallagher, Bob Shesler, Miss Paul.

Seated: Jackie Smith, Frances McGuire, Dolores Reber, Richard Merienski, Enid Moise, Edith Goldman, Helen Yuro, Audrey Hensen, Betty Poulos, Tom Fernandez.

Right hand lower pictures: Jimmy Duncan, Richard Largen, Patty Stewart, Mary Lou Green.

The fireman demonstrating.

# He Is A Sportsman



*Mr. Spaulding, principal of Emerson School, has never lost his enthusiasm for athletics. As a student in both high school and college, he was always active in many branches of sports. He still plays a mighty good game of tennis as many of the students will testify. He is a firm believer that a strong body is as necessary as an active mind. In fact, he sincerely believes that both are necessary for a happy life. We know of no principal who is more interested or fairer in his attitude towards school activities. He believes that athletics is both for the individual who participates and also for the student body, if properly regulated. It should be a part of the school program and an outgrowth of school loyalty.*

*He enjoys making a trip with the team and does go on many of them. He attends practically every home game. He loves to see his students develop into a well organized team.*

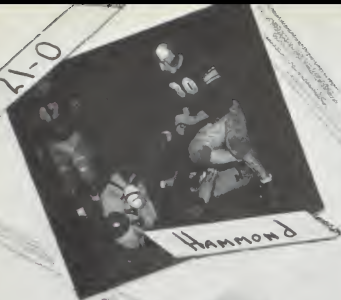
*Being an athlete himself, he knows the value of good equipment and always wants his teams adequately dressed and protected. He has always encouraged the coaches to develop the best team possible with available material, but he has never said "you must have a minner." With such a fine spirit existing, our teams are seldom at the bottom, and they usually are rugged competition.*

*The student body and coaches appreciate his enthusiastic attitude toward their school athletics program.*



ATHLETICS

21-0



Hammond

Tolliston



20-6

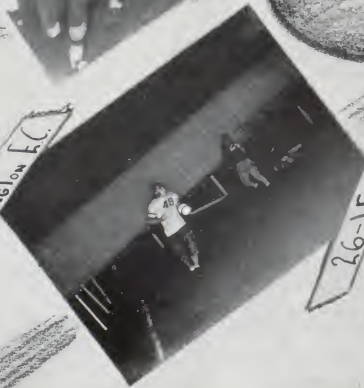
South Bend Central



21-0

THE TOR

Washington E.C.



26-15



Frøebel



12-0

HORACE MANN



39-19

**NADO HITS!**

Lew Wallace



0-7

Whiting



41-7

# THE NORSEMEN DISH IT OUT



Seventeen years ago Emerson received one of its greatest benefits. This was the coming of a man from Carleton College, Class of 1918, to become the ball coach here at Emerson.

His coaching idea was not only to make an athlete of each of the boys, but to make a man of each one. Of course, that man is our football mentor, Arthur J. Rolfe.

At the annual football banquet on November twenty-ninth, in appreciation of his enthusiastic and loyal service to the team and to Emerson, the members of the football team presented him with a fur lined leather jacket.

Gene Miller and Louis Karras were chosen co-captains for the 1945-46 grid season. Louis Karras was again Emerson's lone representative of the first All Conference Team. Emmett Bosak, John Chontos, Gene Miller, and Bill Costley represented Emerson on the second All Conference Team.

*First row, left to right:* Alger, Vidal, Ortosky, Coutouriz, Lesch, Carnahan, Chontos, Elwood, Pangeotis, Finnerty, McKinney, Bewick, Dotlich, Yesk, Colley, Antezak, Kane.

*Second row:* Sewell, Costley, Karras, Adams, Mihal, Gant, Schaff; Elliott, Bizanes, Hansen, Bosak, Oliver, Kokos, Apathy, Palmer, Mayes, Miller.

*Third row:* Dimitroff, Sopko, Pasut, Bilski, Pomianowski, Kutch, Boone, Brennan, Kaplan, Booher, Settle, Miller, Cefali, Plunkett, McLead, Chirby, Bokich, Castrinos, Kokos, Paskewicz.

*Fourth row:* Cross, Finnerty, Manawick, Dolan, Gibbons, McDaniel, Levy, Theoharis, Wolf, Kuckuck, Upton, Glenn, Aron, Larson, Gomis, Valenti, Kephshire, Minniti.

*Fifth row:* Demonja, Shaney, McGuire, Bleicher, Green, Mustafa, Hybarger, Angotti, Wozchekowski, Guelinas, Bocca, Shinnars, Peters, Everett, Yaryice, Wallace, Koses, Sposato.

## CHALK TALK

*Lower left:* Mike Coutouriz, Coach Rolfe, John Bizanes, Gene Miller, Louis Karras.

*Kneeling:* Steve Kokos, Carl Carnahan.

*Lower right, in pep band:* Rudy Romischer, Keith Fink, Axle, Art Benjamin, Charles Vargo, Eugene Griffith, Fred Miller (clarinet) Leland, Phrod.



# TORNADO TERRORS



Top picture, left to right—First row: Mike Coutouzis, Merriett Leach, Emmett Bosak, Eugene Miller.

Second row: Robert Elliott, John Chontos, John Bizanes.

*“The man who can fight to heaven’s own height  
is the man who can fight when he’s losing”*



Lower picture, left to right: Louis Karas, Jack Schaff, Carl Carnahan, William Costley.



STEVE "Steffo" PANAGIOTIS  
No. 32 Halfback



MIKE "Gallop-in' Greek"  
COUTOUZIS  
No. 34 Halfback



MERRITT "Baby Face" LESCH  
No. 35 Quarterback



DICK "Blackie" COLLEY  
No. 36 Quarterback



NICK "Fox" MILLER  
No. 38 End



BILL "Hooker" OLIVER  
No. 38 Fullback



CHARLES "Chuck" BEWICK  
No. 39 Halfback



STEVE "Steff" KOKOS  
No. 42 Tackle



HENRY "Hank" ANTCAK  
No. 43 End



GENE "Diz" MILLER  
No. 44 Halfback



JOHN "Captain" CHONTOS  
No. 45 Guard



BOB "Ap" APATHY  
No. 47 Center



EMMETT "Punky" BOSAK  
No. 48 Fullback



JOHN "Golden Greek"  
BIZANES  
No. 49 End



ROBERT "Bob" ELLIOTT  
No. 50 End



JACK "Nose" PALMER  
No. 51 Guard



BOB "Pujo" YESH  
No. 52 Guard



BILL "Ape" COSTLEY  
No. 53 Tackle, Fullback



FRANK "Feet" MIHAL  
No. 54 End, Tackle



LOUIS "Little Louie" VIDAL  
No. 55 Tackle



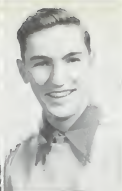
CARL "Rabbit" CARNAHAN  
No. 56 Guard



JACK "Russian" SCHAFF  
No. 57 Center



LOUIS "Big Louie" KARRAS  
No. 59 Tackle



WILLIAM "Bill" KANE  
Manager



BOB "Alg" ALGER  
Manager



ARTHUR "Art" ROLFE  
Coach

# FOR YOU, O DEMOCRACY

Come, I will make the continent indissoluble,  
I will make the most splendid race the sun ever shone upon,  
I will make divine magnetic lands,  
With the love of comrades,  
With the life-long love of comrades.

I will plant companionship thick as trees along all the  
rivers of America, and along the shores of the great  
lakes, and all over the prairies,  
I will make inseparable cities with their arms about each  
other's necks,  
By the love of comrades,  
By the manly love of comrades.

—Walt Whitman



# RESERVE FOOTBALL

	We	They
Freshmen	18	0
Horace Mann	27	13
Wm. A. Wirt	18	7
Roosevelt (Gary)	13	7
Wallace	13	6
Morton High	13	0
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Totals	102	33

The Reserves, using the Freshmen as their appetizer, went on undefeated and untied to win five consecutive games and also the City Championship.

Quarterback, George Hansen, sparked the scoring parade with a total of 43 points. A rugged line paced by the play of center, Bob Apathy, cleared the road for a "team total" of 102 points while yielding only 33. The 1944 Reserve Rolfemen showed great promise of developing into a championship team in 1945.

## Reserves

*Fourth row, left to right:* Dotlich, Sposato, Alger, Elwood, Boone, Brennan, Plunkett, Booker, Castri-  
nos, Oliver.

*Third row:* Sopko, Settle, Kutch, Paskewicz, Kokos, McLeod, Kaplan, Bokich, Pasuit.

*Second row:* Adams, Bilski, Ortosky, Gant, Pomianowski, Cefali, Hansen, Dimitroff, Finnerty, Chirby.

*First row:* Antczak, Palmer, Vidal, Mayes, Kane, Panagiotis, Bewick, Apathy, McKinney.



# FRESHMAN FOOTBALL



Top row, left to right: Guelinas, Cross, Finnerty, Minniti, Kepshire, Kuckuck, Angotti, Urban; Wojcehoski, Yarvice.

Third row: McDaniel, Dolan, Bocca, McGuire, Demonja, Hybarger, Everett, Valenti, Combs.

Second row: Sunderland, Manjarrez, Shinnars, Wallace, Wolff, Larson, Mustafa, Aton, Bleecher.

First row: Koses, Gibbons, Glenn, Green, Levy, Theoharis, Peters, Shane.

The 1944 Freshmen lost their first game of the season to the fighting Blue Devils of Froebel. The game was played in the mud on Froebel field. The ever fighting "Junior Tornado" fought to the end, but were defeated by score of 13 to 7. The Tornado rolled over the remaining foes by decisive scores. Ben Wolfe contributed major ground gains and let the scoring with 30 points, Bill Kuckuck proved to be a triple threat and was second in scoring with 27 points.

	We	They
Froebel	7	13
Tolleston	21	13
Roosevelt	21	6
Lew Wallace	14	6
Horace Mann	24	0
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Totals	87	43
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# Emerson Football Highlights

Horace Mann was the first to feel the whirl of the Golden Tornado as Bill Costley sparked the backfield with his collections of first downs for the team. Emerson spotted the Horsemen 13 points in the first 5 minutes and with Gene Miller's brilliant run of 65 yards to pay dirt, won once more the opening game by a score of 39-19.

Tolleston retreated to the cellar when "Heap Big" Louis Karras stopped the Raiders and "Jolting Joe" cold. Bill Costley and "The Galloping Greek," Mike Coutouzis, shared the backfield honors with a touchdown each; Score, 20-6.

The Tornado proved its mechanism wasn't rusty when it handed a 41-7 beating to the Oilers of Whiting. Coutouzis rambled 80 yards for one of his three touchdowns, and Bob Yesh, proved his worth in the left guard berth in the place of Carl Carnahan, who, although injured previously, came in to kick 6 of 7 conversions.

The next victims of the Tornado powerhouse were the already known Bears of South Bend Central. "Bulldozer" Bosak paced the Emerson drive with his potent plunging while on the line, "Fox" Nick Miller stopped the Bears' backfield at the expense of a broken ankle.

The Wildcats of Hammond were teamed into meek little Persian kittens by the Emersons by a score of 27-0. End, Bob Elliott, scored on a beautiful pass from Gene Miller to provide a safe margin.

The term of the Senators from Washington E. C. expired as our boys took the thriller 26-15. Bosak's two touchdowns and Gene Miller's 30 yard sprint copped the backfield honors while center, Jack Schaff, showed hidden track talent by pulling down the fastest man on the Washington squad from behind.

"Who's next, please?" The Emersonians grabbed the Benton Harbor Tigers by their tails and threw them for a 40-6 loss. Again Bosak scored 3 more touchdowns and Gene Miller's 58 and 40 yard runs featured Emerson's strive for a perfect season. "The Golden Greek," John Bizanes, and Bill Costley sparked the forward wall.

The Rolfemen waded to a 13-0 victory over Froebel in the sloshing mud of Gleason Field. Louie Karras proved to be a good "Mudder" at his right tackle spot. "Emmett" Bosak once more led the offense.

The largest crowd of the 1944 grid season witnessed the most crucial game of the year. The Tornado powerhouse was at last (alas!) slowed down, and the Hornets of Lew Wallace slid past the Norsemen to a 7-0 decision, thus ending Tornado hopes for a perfect season, the N. I. H. S. C. Western Division title, and possibly for the State Championship.

Although the team won no state championship or great honors as a gridiron eleven, all Emerson is proud of one of its greatest teams.

We appreciate how hard the fellows and Coach Rolfe have worked and fought to make a successful season.

# BASKETBALL



**VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM**  
*Second row, left to right:* Bob Crane, Jack Schaff, Coach Klug, Lester Mayes, Dick Colley.  
*First row:* George Zayats, Sam Ranzino, Bob Elliott, Frank Mihal, Tom Wilson.



**RESERVES**  
*Second row:* Richard Swan, Adam Sposato, Mike Coutouris, Gene Miller, Ralph Olin.  
*First row:* Bill Kane, Jim Finnerty, John Depanion, Bill Kuck, George Hansen, Joe Minnici.



**FRESHMEN**  
*Second row:* Charles Bocca, Don Kephire, Ray Komlenich, Don McGuire, Bob Urban.  
*First row:* Joe Pavicic, Bob Hybarger, Bob Bachich, Allen Johnston, Dick Elson.

# BASKETBALL

## WILLIAM "BILL" KLUG

Coach Klug has been producing winning teams since he came to Emerson in 1942. His genial smile and winning ways have won the hearts of all the boys (and girls!). A product of our old rival, Horace Mann, he has now concentrated his talents on producing basketball teams that whipped all comers, including his alma mater, Mann.

Here is an account of the scores that "Bill" and the Norse have cooked up:



"BILL" KLUG

We	Team	They
29	Hobart	31
50	Whiting	31
31	Wallace	32
31	Tolleston	22
27	Froebel	19
41	Hammond T.	23
31	Horace Mann	32
30	Froebel	32
52	Roosevelt (G)	35
30	Tolleston	22
47	Valparaiso	29
30	Washington E. C.	33
31	Hammond	38
20	Horace Mann	29
46	Hammond Clark	48
39	Roosevelt E. C.	17
39	S. B. Central	42
40	Wallace	34

## HOLIDAY TOURNEY

We	Team	They
48	Wirt	21
33	Horace Mann	29
38	Wallace	40

## SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

50	Valparaiso	27
40	Wallace	39
37	Horace Mann	35
60	Kouts	16

## REGIONALS

26	Michigan City	47
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TOTALS: We—976 They—783

## BASKETBALL MANAGERS

Left to right: Robert Elwood, Louis Vidal, Lester Weiss.



Frank Mihal, Bob Elliott, George Zayats.  
Basketball practice at the Memorial Auditorium.



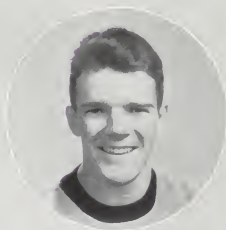
# V A R S

TOM WILSON  
"Tearin' Tom"  
Forward



ROBERT CRANE  
"Bugin' Birdie"  
Forward

GEORGE ZAYATS  
"Zippin' Zay"  
Forward



ROBERT ELLIOTT  
"Battlin' Bob"  
Center

FRANK MIHAL  
"Fightin' Frank"  
Guard





# I T Y . .



DICK COLLEY  
*"Boomin' Blackie"*  
Forward



FRANCIS GANT  
*"Shootin' Shadow"*  
Forward



SAM RANZINO  
*"Slingin' Sam"*  
Guard



JACK SCHAFF  
*"Jumpin' Jack"*  
Center



WILLIAM KLUG  
*"Big-Gun Bill"*  
Coach



#### SENIORS

*Top row:* Bronco Samardzia, Sam Sargis, Ernest Koenig, Bob Kaplar, Ned Miller.

*Bottom row:* Bob Elwood, Bill Batalis, Chuck Bewick, Mike Adams, Dick Hall.



#### JUNIORS

*Top row:* Joe Sewell, Henry Cieslak, Tony Paskewicz, Albert Gasper, John Frame.

*Third Row:* Robert Petrovich, Steve Kokos, Bob Yesh, John Dunley, Robert Kutch

*Second row:* Dominic Cefali, Ed Carija, Velmir Gurgevich, Bob Holt, John Plunkett, Leo Settle.

*First row:* Bob Alger, John King.

## Class Basketball

In early December the Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen met to select teams. Each class was divided into three teams; the A, B, and C teams.

In January the league games were played to determine the winner of each division. The Senior A, Junior B, and Junior C proved to be "tops" in their respective divisions.

The tournament was played in early March, and in the final game the Junior A eased by the Senior A by a score of 27 to 26. The champions received medals for their efforts.

#### SOPHOMORES

*Top row:* Bob Reed, Tom Fernandez, Nick Karas, Henry Wegrzyn, Jim King.

*Third row:* Chester Pasuit, John Olejnik, Bob Boone, Eddie Orgon, Ralph Settle.

*Second row:* John Barrick, Jack Egan, "Pop" Werner, Paul Kutch, Jerome Muras.

*First row:* Paul Ortosky, Don Nikchevich, John MacLeod, Bob Doyle.



#### FRESHMEN

*Top row:* Demonja, McGuire, Hybarger, Wolf, Komlenich, Everett, Harkness.

*Third row:* Kepshire, Martinez, Urban, Josephoff, Kusma, Pavicic, McGuire, Wajckowski.

*Second row:* Davis, Levy, Yarvis, Bocca, Johnston, Evans, Oljace.

*First row:* Valenti, Bachnich, Elson, Glenn, Coss, Kattardis, Gill.



# CROSS COUNTRY

One of Emerson's most genial teachers is our cross-country coach, safety teacher, and head of the Safety Patrol. This, of course, is the wonderful white-haired Mr. Werner, fondly known to the pupils as "Pop."



"Pop" Werner

*Earl Werner "Pop"*

The Emerson Cross Country Harriers were all new to the sports, with the exception of their captain, Joe Aydelotte, who is now wearing the blues of the Navy.

The men who received major letters were Robert Shesler, manager; Joe Aydelotte, captain; John Donley, Edward Orgon, John Frame, and Ralph Olis. Miner letters were awarded to James King, Bob Kaplar, Dick Swan, Norman Kaplan, Bob Crane, John King, Ray Komlenich, and Leo Settle.

Although these boys were new, they ran a good tough race, and closed their season with a challenge that promises victory for next year.

*Top row, left to right:* Bob Crane, John Frame, Ralph Olis, Leo Settle, Joe Aydelotte, John Donley.

*Middle row:* Norman Kaplan, Bob Shesler, James King, Donald Nikchevich, Jack Egan, Eddie Orgon.

*Bottom row:* Bob Kutch, John King, Leo Finnerty, George Gram, Ray Komlenich.

Joe Aydelotte



## TRACK

The Norse thinclads are putting forth a strong well balanced team upon the cinders this season. Led by Captain Gene Miller in the hurdles, Mike Maragos and Dick Colley in the dashes, and Ed Carija in the 440 and 880 yd. runs, present a formidable array of point collectors. Other potent point collectors are

Bob Elliott and Joe Jancarich, shot put; Joe Minniti, pole vault; Don McGuire, hurdles; John Donley and John Frame, mile run. Much is to be expected of the half mile relay team of Maragos, Colley, Carija, and Miller.

April 6th at Edison		
Maragos	100 yard dash	1st
Colley	"	3rd
Miller	220 yard dash no. 1	1st
Colley	"	2nd
Maragos	220 yard dash no. 2	1st
Miller	Board Jump	2nd
Carija	440 yard run	1st
Kaplar	"	2nd
Sposata	"	3rd
Miller, Gant	High Jump	Tie 3rd
Jancarich	Shot Put	1st
Maragos, Colley,		
Carija, Miller	Half Mile Relay	1st
Minnitti, Kaplar,		
Levey, Sposata	Mile Relay	1st

April 11th at Wallace		
Maragos	'00 yard dash	1st
Colley	"	2nd
Maragos	220 yard dash	1st
Colley	"	2nd
Miller	120 yd. high hurdles no. 1	1st
King	"	3rd
Miller	200 yard low hurdles no. 1	1st
McGuire	120 yd. high hurdles no. 2	1st
Scheelar	"	3rd
Elliott	Shot Put	1st
Jancarich	"	2nd
<u>Minnitti</u>	Pole Vault	2nd
Oljace	"	3rd
Miller	High Jump	2nd
Bizanes, Elliott	"	Tie 3rd
Carija	Half Mile	2nd
Frame	Mile	3rd
Sposata	140 yard run	3rd
Maragos, Colley,		
Carija, Miller	Half Mile Relay	1st



# TRACK

*Wilson  
Parker*

Running: Bob Hybarger,  
George Gram, James Gibbons,



Running: Bob Elliott, Mike  
Adams, Dick Colley, Mike  
Maragos.



In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of track. (Anyway, it says so here.) The quotation may not be stated entirely correctly, but when the birds and the bees herald signs of spring, a young man's fancy literally does yearn for the trackfield, where he can let off all of his loose energy saved up through the bitter winter, and gallop around to his heart's content.

Don't get us wrong, boys; we don't expect you to turn into human greyhounds, but bring home the points for Emerson.

## WE ALSO SERVE



*At the Football Dance, left to right: Bob Yesh, John Chontos, Louis Karras, Emmett Bozak, Lester Mayes, Donna Little, Football Queen.*

*At the right: Merritt Lesch doing his stuff.  
Below: Alfred Cohen and George Alexander—Minus nose!*

*To the right: Pop Werner, Coach Rolfe, and Coach Klug—a line up.*

*Just to make you hungry: Mrs. Benfield cutting BEEF!!!*

*Cheerleaders: Barbara Smith, Callero Coutouzis, Helen Donahoe, Adeline Kuchta, George Calhoun—a mouthful of "tornado engine."*

*Football Managers, top row: Bill Kane, Bob Elwood, Adam Sposato.*

*First row: Jim Duncan, Dennis Gattly, Bob Alger—"Well, who wants the drink?"*



# G. A. A.

## G. A. A. FACULTY

Miss Hodge, Miss Reynolds, Miss Heimberg.



## G. A. A. BOARD

*Top row:* Betty Aton, Dolores Gile, Dolores Hile, Jeanne Anderson, Lillian Abraham, Theresa Motto.  
*Bottom row:* Donna Little, Alice Condo, Roma Evans, Kathleen McGuire, Angeline Cappony, Catina Coutouzis, Adeline Kuchta.



G. A. A. has long been a part of the school life of Emerson. It was organized to promote among the girls a keener interest in sports, but it has done more than that. Along with friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship, it has done much to promote sociability among the girls of every class.

It is the most democratic organization to which girls in high school can belong. It's not a select group; on the contrary, it's for all who are willing to work for the athletic points which give the privilege of belonging.

# G. A. A.



## JUNIORS AND SENIORS (Upper picture)

*Top row:* Hile, Pany, Hines, Pawlowski, Abraham, McGuire, Gile, Aton, Evans, Babilla, Copely, Condo, Little, Motta.

*Third row:* Anderson, Jones, Komlenich, Syler, Halvatgis, Fenton, Churchia, Moise, Pinkowski, Coutouzis, Shinnors, Donahoe, Angotti, Smith.

*Second row:* Kuzma, Hile, Motto, Hodges, Felts, Bushwty, Fedorchak, Galka, Wolf, Rondinelli, Angelos, Bartley.

*First row:* Randle, Brummer, Coutouzis, Nowicki, Haviland, Christ, Geanchon, Stevers, Serratta, Stachura.

## FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES (Lower picture)

*First row:* Isenburg, Apathy, Lincoln, Reid, Beauchamp, Charnetsky, Dotlich, Ciafalia, Parthun, Ward, Rogodzinski, Reece, Vrtikpa, Orr, Bizanes, Niszewski.

*Second row:* Meneakis, Green, Elia, Reece, Volk, Fairley, Fisher, Molnar, Pinkowski, Yrudy.

*Third row:* Jancarich, Hansen, Johnson, Goldman, Thanos, Vlesides, Davis, Churchia, Carew, Shotts, Lane, Holt.

*Fourth row:* Sullivan, Niepokoj, Richards, Mayes, Polen, Finton, Miller, Muniv, Johnson, Genduso, Rehtorik, Lynn, Friedman.

# G. A. A.



G. A. A. OFFICERS  
*Standing:* Alice Condo, Dolores  
 Gile, Theresa Motto.  
*Seated:* Adeline Kuchta.

TOPS IN OUR FOUR  
 MAJOR SPORTS  
*Top:* Angeline Cappony, Lillian  
 Abraham.  
*Bottom:* Dolores Gile, Alice Condo.



# GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## SENIOR BASKETBALL

*Left to right:* Kathleen McGuire, Jean Anderson, Theresa Motto, Lillian Abraham, Alice Condo, Irene Pawlowski, Roma Evans, Adeline Kuchta.



## JUNIOR BASKETBALL

*Left to right:* Josephine Rondinelli, Marjorie Mulloy, Wanda Nowicki, Helen Hodges, Martha Svantner, Callero Coutouzis, Barbara Smith, Bernice Brummer, Helen Donahoe.



*First row:* Mary Ann Reid, Betty Zimmerly, Anna Vrtikapa, Olga Dotlich, Sherry Beauchamp, Barbara Rhynearson, Greta Isenberg, Margaret Apathy.

*Second row:* Jerre Richards, Saddle Fairley, Vernice Mayes, Betty Rethoric, Niki Kypreos, Betty Carew, Edythe Goldman.



When cold weather sets in, not only with the boys, but also with the girls, the center of attraction is basketball, another major sport which is really played in earnest.

Girls' basketball is played on different bases than the boys' basketball, because boys' basketball is too strenuous for girls. Instead of the guards and forwards using all the floor as the boys do in their basketball games, the forwards and guards on the girls' teams can not go over the middle line.

There are three guards and three forwards on a team, instead of two guards and two forwards, and center as the boys have on their teams.

This year the girls swarmed in bee hives as usual to sign up for active duty in class teams. One of Emerson's "as-bettest" athletes, Angie Cappony, acted as basketball head for the second year.

The seniors came forth in basketball by winning over their opponents, the underclassmen.

Interschool basketball was discontinued this year which was very disappointing to the girls, but again they competed with the boys and gave them exciting competition. Sad but true, each class team was defeated by them.

# GIRLS' SPEEDBALL



## SENIORS:

*Bottom row:* Hile, Kuchta, Coutouzis, Motto, Evans.  
*Top row:* Babilla, McGuire, Anderson, Abraham, Condo, Pawlowski.

## JUNIORS

*Standing:* Rondinelli, Nowicki, Smith, Hodges.  
*On bench:* Motta, Brummer, Coutouzis, Donahoe, Serratta.  
*On floor:* Stachura, Galka, Christ.



## SOPHOMORES

*Third row:* Polen, Sullivan, Mayes, Jancarie, Miller.  
*Second row:* Hansen, Relatoric, Muniz, Richard, Johnson.  
*First row:* Genduso, Shotts, Reece, Parthun.

## FRESHMEN

*First row:* Lincoln, Beauchamp.  
*Second row:* Apathy, Bizanes, Isenberg.  
*Third row:* Reid, Ciartaglia, Virtikapa, Dotlich.

Speedball started the girls' sport season with Do Do Hile as a very efficient speedball head!

Speedball is related to soccer, basketball, football, and hockey.

It's played on the same field as hockey. It has five forwards, three half-backs, two fullbacks, and a goaly, which guards the goal.

Each point scored consists of two points, and the free kick consists of one.

Those girls who are in the G. A. A. and the girls who want to join the G. A. A. play this game at the beginning of the year for points.

After they play eight games, they earn one hundred points. Then varsity is chosen.

This year the captains of the four varsity teams were Delores Gile, senior; Martha Svantner, junior; Angeline Muniz, sophomore; and Estelle Bizanes, freshman.

The weather provided a fine turn out, and the season ran smoothly, and was over too soon for the outdoors sport lovers.

There was a tough fight between the seniors and juniors for the Championship, but the juniors proved themselves "kings," and the senior hopes were dimmed by the junior victory.

The triumphant season was ended with a speedball "spread" where Mrs. Benfield gave all concerned more than enough to eat.

# He Counsels His Classes

*At Emerson there is considerable rivalry between the four classes in their social activities, plus honor roll, and extra curricular projects. For several years each class has had a committee of sponsors which elects a chairman. Each class has its own dance and except for the freshmen each class invites members of the other classes as their guests. Each class has two class meetings during the year in the auditorium. Mr. Spaulding always takes time to talk at these class meetings.*

*This year Mrs. Reyber has been the chairman of sponsors for the freshmen; Mr. Flinn, for the sophomores; Miss Ban for the Juniors and Miss Grieger for the Seniors. They have spent many extra hours on outside activities for which the classes wish to express their sincere appreciation.*

*In the class rooms it has been a turbulent year. Many of the older students left for the service; due to the war, there is constant tension; changes in curriculum are in the air. One definite change will be the teaching of American Literature in the third year instead of the fourth. There will be more emphasis on American History and institutions. In social science classes, the trend is toward analysis of current events, and economic as well as place geography; more students are showing an interest in science and mathematics. This is a changing and expanding world in which we live; the high school must keep pace with it.*

*On the right, in her World History class, Miss Ban is explaining to Jackie Reside, Bob Friedman, Marianne Kominsky, Delores Previs, and Deno Kottardis the importance of realization that we are only one member of the world of nations.*







C L A S S E S

# FRESHMEN



## SPONSORS

Mr. Garriott, Miss Rowe,  
Miss Paul, Miss Smith, Miss  
Plum, Mrs. Pierce, Mr.  
Warrum.

The Freshman class held its Freshman Frolic on March 16, 1945. In good Irish custom, the gym was decorated in green and white with shamrocks scattered along the wall, in keeping with the St. Patrick's day theme.

The class officers are Richard Swan, President; Robert Urban, Vice President; Ricahrd Elson, Secretary; Donald Dimonja, Boys' Treasurer; and Dolores Molna, Girls' Treasurer. The class colors are red and white; their flower, the rose; and their motto is "Always Higher."

The Freshman sponsors are Mrs. Reyhner, Miss Smith, Miss Rowe, Mrs. Pierce, Miss Ekeberg, and Mr. Warrum. The frolic committee was headed by Paul Angotti, chairman; in the decorations committee were Margaret Apathy, Robert Cross, Jean Hampton, Robert Hybarger, Olga Dotlich, Ben Wolff, Don McGuire, and Don Kepshire. On the entertainment, were Greta Isenberg,

Jerry Levenberg, Beatrice McLeod, Richard Green, Barbara Rhyneanson, James Sisamis, Nick Roytan, and Leslie Glenn.

The Freshman class held a reception in the cafeteria for parents and teachers on December 14th. The object was to discuss school problems and make teachers and parents better acquainted.

The Constitution Committee consisted of Maryanne Reid, chairman; Dolores Klimazewski, Nick Roytan, Gerald Levenberg, Jeanne Charlebois, and Boris Apostoloff. The flower and color committee consisted of Leonora Taylor, chairman, Paul Walker, Wanda Claude, Mary Thanos, Bill Platis, and Jerry Jerasimo. On the motto committee were Donald Levy, chairman, Isabel Espinoza, Loretta Martinez, Robert Combs, Patsy Little, and Bill Kuckuck.

## OFFICERS, left to right:

RICHARD ELSON,  
Secretary

(ROBERT URBAN.)  
Vice President

DOLORES MOLNAR,  
Girls' Treasurer

DONALD DEMONJA,  
Boys' Treasurer

RICHARD SWAN,  
President



*Miss  
Chas  
Phemich*

**MISS ROWE**  
Reg. 101

*Top row:* Swan, Cheyne, Sunderland, Williamsou, Green, Durr, Panagiotis, Urban, Komlenich.

*Second row:* Demes, Minniti, McGuire, Wallace, Platis, Bocca, Lierman, Carlberg.

*First row:* Roberts, Miss Rowe, Westgard, Hyndman, Green, Roy, Clements, Mustafa, Guelinas.

*Larry Westgard*

*Wally and  
Pat Little*



**MISS SMITH**  
Reg. 211

*Top row:* Miss Smith, Kish, Yaksick, Apathy, Zale.

*Second row:* Reid, Hampton, Isenberg, Little, Korak, Rynearson.

*First row:* Coffman, Coros, Lincoln, Beauchamp, Ashbridge.



**MRS. REYHER**  
Reg. 210

*Top row:* Woenik, Murovski, Hamer, Taylor, Louks, Mrs. Reyher, Martinez, McLeod, Zabel, Zimmerle, Vrtikapa, Mackay, Leddel.

*Second row:* Owen, Niszewski, Kampouris, Hampton, Makrie, Kane, Sheey, Kikilas, Rakay, Kikolas, Klimaczewski, Pinkowski.

*First row:* Lunsford, Weiler, Ward, Vardas, Kaplan, Weckhem, Toth, Tyuty, Kenely, Holt, Orr, Molnar.



*Body Cross*

**MR. WARRUM**  
**Reg. 209**

*Third row:* Aton, Kirsey, Mr. Warrum, Jennings, Apostoloff, Demonja, Combs, Kaplan, Apostoloff, Byran.  
*Second row:* Jackson, Hybarger, Everett, Decker, Karras, Bleicher, Hurdlow, Kowalski, Bagan, Davis, Gram, Cross, Kasprzak, Blazyak.  
*First row:* English, Kotter, Elson, Glenn, Gerasimo, Hall, Bokich, Clark, Green, Kaplan, Clausen, Castrinos.  
*Front:* Aton.



**MRS. PIERCE**  
**Reg. 308**

*Top row:* Lamb, Wojecowski, Wilusz, Sposato, Valenti, Yarvice, Lewry, McCoy, Symes.  
*Second row:* Larson, Swank, Walker, Mrs. Pierce, Padlo, Pawlowski, Swayk, Shinner, Sisani, Pavicic, Wood, Marmolejo.  
*First row:* Taylor, Selly, Sovich, Sieniaszko, Surowiec, Ruthiewicz, Oljace, Muffaletto, Smith, Lis, Peters.



**MISS PAUL**  
**Reg. 326**

*Top row:* Miss Paul, Dunajski, Devaney, Charlebois, Davis, Churchia, Cole, Bragdon, Allison, Galka, Evanovich.  
*Second row:* Arellano, Bizanes, Claude, Gately, Claypool, Cravens, Dotlich, Crowe, Courage, Fisher, Di Perna, Cato, Ciartaglia.  
*First row:* Boswell, Dolstowski, Espinoza, Fuhrman, Dickson, Falkovick, Dobrolecki, Butts, Coros, Charnetzky.



# SOPHOMORES

## SPONSORS

Miss Tappan, Mr. Flinn, Miss Talbot, Miss Gwinn, Mr. Greenwald, Miss Tinsman.



After a full year of being called "greenies," the Sophomores started out their second year of high school with the grand feeling of finally "belonging" to the high school set. Their first major task of the year was selecting capable officers to head their class. They chose the following students: Irene Shotts, president; William Kane, vice president; Edward Orgon, secretary; Henry Wegrzyn, boys' treasurer; and Angeline Muniz, girls' treasurer.

In early November Mrs. Palmer directed their class play, "Seven Little Rebels," which turned out to be a great success.

Their big night was March 23, when the Sophomore Hop was held in the girls' lower gym. The decorations were all in the palest Easter colors and the theme of the dance was The Easter Parade. Co-chairmen for the Hop were Vernice Mayes and James King. Those assisting them were Darlene Taylor, Paul Sopko, John Olenik, Jack Egan, Sadie Fairley, Florence Jancarich, Joyce Banker, and Dorothy De Shazo. The Sophomore sponsors, who were interested in making the Hop a success were led by Mr. Flinn; the others were Miss Tappan, Mrs. Greenwald, Miss Talbot, Miss Gwinn, and Miss Tinsman.



## OFFICERS, left to right:

HENRY WEGRZYN,  
Boys' Treasurer

ANGELINA MUNIZ,  
Girls' Treasurer

BILL KANE,  
Vice President

IRENE SHOTTS,  
President

EDWARD ORGON,  
Secretary



# SOPHO

## MISS GWINN Reg. 103

*Top row:* Wegryzn, My-  
natt, Mersenski, Muras,  
White, Riley, Martin,  
Preuss.

*Third row:* Shesler, Sop-  
ko, Wroblewski, Pasit,  
Wydrzycki, Rzepka.

*Second row:* McLeod,  
Mohr, Nikchevich,  
Scheerer, Settle, Orgon,  
Lewandowski.

*First row:* Weissbuch,  
Mihal, Schaff, Olejnik,  
Ortosky.

## MR. FLINN Reg. 304

*Top row:* Robinson,  
Kutch, Castrinos, Weiss,  
Mr. Flinn, Grand, Ice-  
nogle, Ranzino, Flanagan,  
Gant, Reid, Kozar.

*Third row:* Halvatgis,  
Lineback, Schoonover,  
Parker, Marogos, Doneff.

*Second row:* George, Bru-  
dnackowski, Fernandez,  
Steen, Raysses, Bonick,  
Stevens.

*First row:* Goldman,  
Guemple, Calhoun, Jen-  
nings.

## MISS TALBOT Reg. 206

*Top row:* Frame, Doyle,  
Fox, Boone, Carson.

*Second row:* Burger,  
Chirby, Erler, Alterwitz,  
King.

*First row:* Kenealy, Daw-  
son, Ilinkovich, Kutch,  
Egan, Ciesielski.

*Miss Frame*

*Cliff Kenealy*



# MORES

## MISS TAPPAN Reg. 314

*Top row:* Biller, Genduso, Angelos, Barron, Kolettis, Kypros, Lynn, Jagiela, Lekete, Blake, Miss Tappan.

*Second row:* Lane, Goldman, Balsley, Koss, Kozdrowski, Bednar, Hansen, Gately, Lunsford, Bewick, Ciban, Jones, Fairley, Friedman, Keever, Hejnowski.

*First row:* LaRussa, Gajewski, Bentley, Hendley, Jansley, Kapnas, Kchajia, Hachlica, Halachak, Hamilton, Johnson.



## MRS. GREENWALD Reg. 310

*Top row:* Muniz, Wearstler, Snyder Sullivan, Zigich, Nispokoj, Rysz, Skoric, Stryczek, Wojchoski, Ohmann.

*Second row:* Valant, Reh-torik, Mrs. Greenwald, Richards, Wellman, McCall, Rashevich, Reber, Stanko, Short, Wisely, Taylor, Samples.

*First row:* Ryan, Reece, Parthun, Reece, Volk, Shotts, Mayes, Sedita, Menekis, Scheidegger.



## MISS TINSMAN Reg. 204

*Third row:* Wright, Gibson, Shaw, Zelenak, Goranovich, Finton, Miller, Polen, De Shazo, Holmes, Banker.

*Second row:* Beauchamp, Di Re, Amabile, Barrett, Hile, Elia, Reaves.

*First row:* Gerametta, -ramer.



# JUNIORS



## SPONSORS

Mr. Rowland, Mr. Rolfe, Mrs. Mistrovich, Mrs. Palmer, Miss Cromer, Miss Newton, Miss Ade, Miss Benscoter, Miss Ban.

Ordering classrings is always a big moment in the high school careers of juniors, and this year was no exception. This procedure occurred in early October, but we had to wait patiently until their arrival in February.

Next came the most thrilling and looked forward to occasion of the year. That, of course, was the Junior Prom which was held at the Masonic Temple on February 3rd. One part of the decorations for the prom was an impressive honor roll with the names of the fellows in the service from the graduating class of "45."

The first "get together" that the juniors had was on February 28th in the auditorium. The president, Dick Colley, presided over the meeting and introduced the class officers. The financial report of the Prom was given with the auditorium department offering to pay a share of the expenses. Humorous reviews of the Junior Play "No Man's Land" were given as a conclusion to the meeting. The play, which was sponsored by Miss Ekeberg and given on March 2nd, turned out to be a great success.

OFFICERS, *left to right*:  
GEORGE HANSEN,  
Vice President

BARBARA SMITH,  
Secretary

DICK COLLEY,  
President

JOSEPHINE FERNANDEZ,  
Girls' Treasurer

ROBERT PETROVICH,  
Boys' Treasurer



# **MRS. PALMER**

**Reg. 309**

*Top row:* Lowe, Wisely, Shabaz, Nowicki, Rondinelli, Mulloy, Stevers, Sayre, Weiss, Necco.

*Second row:* Lewandowski, Rogozinski, Stachura, Svantner, Lucas, Wolf, Toth.

*First row:* Smith, Ward, Poulos, Yuro, Leach, Metaxas, Stawicki.



# **MR. ROWLAND**

**Reg. 401**

*Top row:* Juarez, Seiratto, Galka, Sperl, Fleming, Eckstrom, Kellstrom.

*Second row:* Wagner, Randle, Smith, Halvatgis, Mr. Rowland, Fenton, Churchia, Umpleby.

*First row:* Syler, Svendson, Coutouzis, Haviland, Motto, McConnell, Miller.



# **MISS NEWTON**

**Reg. 207**

*Top row:* Yesh, Oliv, Mayes, Petrovich, Vargo, Pomianowski.

*Third row:* Surowice, Paskewicz, Sewell, McCosh, Thrasher, Popoff, Razumich.

*Second row:* Vas, Milecki, McLaren, Lewandowski, Tenta, Plunkett, Monfort, Zeller.

*First row:* Niepokoj, Nacco, Platis, Rackoff, Wilson, Mulloy, Settle, Smith.



# *J. Ronchi* Juniors

## MISS BENSCOTER Reg. 312

*Top row:* Titus, Ronchi, Rottenberg, Zemel, Wahl-smith, Coffman, Shubert, Swanson.

*Second row:* Carija, Kar-ras, McKinney, Miller, Miss Benscoter, Robinson, Wellman, Carver, Stregge, Gallagher.

*First row:* Wallace, El-wood, Magramas, Lesch, Coutouzis, Alger, Weiss, Janney, Landis, O'Melia.

## MISS ADE Reg. 109

*Top row:* Cunningham, Bittner, Angelos, Bartle/, Danford, Crisman, Bush-  
wyt.

*Second row:* Brummer, Heistand, George, Kuz-ma, Braunies, Fernandez, Jeanchos, Groves, Bar-  
rick, Delany.

*First row:* Kelly, Christ, Jaksa, Kish, Colechchi, Felts, Grakey, Donahoe, Gunthric, Fedorchak.

## MISS BAN Reg. 217

*Top row:* Bizanes, Cost-  
ley, Hansen, Hellman.  
Fisher.

*Third row:* Bilski, Coop-  
er, Cumber, Brown, Ciesielski, Dolatowski, Cowen.

*Second row:* Frame, Don-  
ley, Cieslak, Depanion, Gurgivich, Gurniewicz.

*First row:* Brennan, King, Carnahan, Holt, Gasper.



# 1945 SENIORS



## OFFICERS, *left to right:*

GEORGE ALEXANDER,  
President

NED MILLER,  
Secretary

DOROTHY KEPSHIRE,  
Girls' Treasurer

BOB ELLIOTT,  
Boys' Treasurer

DONNA LITTLE,  
Vice President

It's a tough assignment to pack into a few words all the glorious memories of our Senior year, to tell all of the gay unforgettable moments, the disappointment, poignant and tragic too, that will never come again as they used to be.

In t're years to come we'll look back and say, "Remember?" and the rush of past scenes will be there, such as, the Prom in January so that all the fellows would still be here to go, of uniforms and dress suits at the Prom, of "Spice," the Senior play, the silly jokes, the arguments on the footwarmers,

the Christmas pageant, the basketball tournament, and so many other things we shared.

All of us changed this year even though it was hardly noticeable. Each time one of our classmates left for the Service, we felt a little sad and a little lost without the friends who had become so much a part of our life here together.

And now, with Commencement and Baccalaureate looming ahead, we realize we have many of our happiest days left behind at Emerson.



## SPONSORS

Mr. Carlberg, Miss Grieger,  
Miss Sayers, Miss Beeler, Mr.  
Harrison, Miss Hodge, Mr.  
Werner.

LILLIAN ABRAHAM . . . "Abby"—G.A.A.; G.A.A. Board Member.

BETTY JEAN BABILLA . . . "Jelly Bean"—President of Girls' Glee Club; Girls' Band Officer; A-Cappella Choir.

GEORGE ALEXANDER . . . "Axl"—President of Senior Class; Vice-president of Boys' Band and Concert Orchestra; 1945 Yearbook Staff.

FREIDA BANDO . . . Senior Honor Society.

LEDA ANDASEN . . . "Lee"—G.A.A.; Spanish Club.

DANIEL BARRICK . . . "Sarb"—Football; Building and Grounds Chairman; Junior Play.

JEANNE ANDERSON . . . "Audy"—Girls' Glee Club President; Vice-president of A-Cappella Choir; G.A.A. Board Member.

TERESA BARTEZAK . . . "Terry"—Spice and Variety.

MARY ANGOTTI . . . "Shorly"—Sophomore Play Committee; G.A.A.; 1945 Yearbook.



WILLIAM BATALIS . . . "Bill"—Senior Honor Society; Class Basketball.

HENRY ANTCHAK . . . "Mix"—Football; Spice and Variety.



ANDREW BENJAMIN . . . "Artie"—Co-chairman of Senior Prom; Spice and Variety; Manager of Concert Band and Orchestra.

ROBERT APATHY . . . "App"—Football; Annual Sales Staff; Spice and Variety.

CHARLES BEWICK . . . "Cbnck"—Football; Class Basketball; R.O.T.C. Officer.

BETTY ATON . . . "Tag"—G.A.A. Board.

EVELYN BIERNAT . . . "Evie"—G.A.A.; Booster Committee.

CONSTANCE AUGUSTINE . . . "Connie"—Basketball.

JOHN BIZANES . . . "Golden Greek"—Football; Basketball; Baseball.

SAMUEL AULD . . . "Sam"—Spanish Club.

JUNE BLAKERZYK . . . Dramatic Club; Constitution Committee.



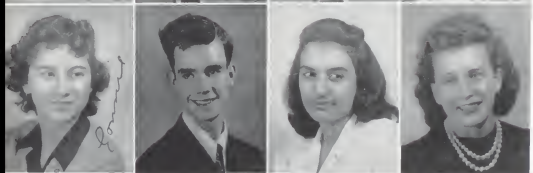
*We did have fun with no harm done while we were passing through!  
How lovely it was!*



LILLIAN ABRAHAM  
GEORGE ALEXANDER  
LEDA ANDASEN  
JEANNE ANDERSON



MARY ANGOTTI  
HENRY ANTCHAK  
ROBERT APATHY  
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CHARLES BEWICK  
EVELYN BIERNAT  
JOHN BIZANES  
JUNE BLAKERZYK

JOAN BLUMENSTEIN . . . "Jo,"

JOHN CHARLEBOIS . . . "Jack"—Treasurer of Junior Class; Senior Representative of Board of Control; Booster Committee.

ADRIANN BOCSKAY . . . "Bosco"—Board of Control; Secretary of Concert Orchestra; Scholarship Committee.

JOHN CHONTOS . . . Football; Softball; Class Basketball.

EMMETT BOSAK . . . "Punky"—Football; Track; Class Basketball.

MARY CHURCHIA . . . "Mar"—Junior Honor Society; G.A.A.; Spanish Club.

JANICE BRINK . . . "Jan"—F.A.B.; G.A.A.; Junior Play.

GENE COFFMAN . . . Prom Committee; R.O.T.C.

ESQUELINE BURTON . . . "Dolly"—Assistant Manager of Girls' Band; Secretary of Girls' Glee Club; Building and Grounds Committee.

ALFRED COHEN . . . "Percy"—R.O.T.C.; 1945 Year-book Staff.

ANGELINE CAPPONY . . . "Capone"—Vice-president of Sophomore Class; Vice-president of Girls' Band; G.A.A. Basketball Head.

ALLEN GOMBY . . . "Al"—Junior Honor Society; Band; R.O.T.C.

EDWARD CARIJA . . . "Shanks"—Track; Class Basketball.

ALICE CONDO . . . "Jamie"—Chairman of Social Committee; Vice-president of G.A.A.; Board of Control.

ROBERT CARVER . . . "Bob"—R.O.T.C. Officer.

MAVIS COPLEY . . . "Mate"—Roselette Club; G.A.A.; Girls' Glee Club.

FLORENCE CAULK . . . "Flo-Flo"—G.A.A.; Editor of *Emer-Sun News*; Office Clerk.

CATINA COUTOUZIS . . . "Kiki"—G.A.A. Board; Girls' Glee Club; Junior Honor Society.

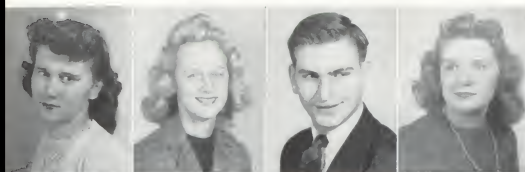
WANDA CHAJA . . . "Buttone"—G.A.A.; Spice and Variety; Girls' Glee Club.

BOB CRANE . . . "Birdie"—Basketball; Baseball; President of Senior Honor Society.



*Oh thanks for the memory of seniors on review.*

*Tears and langbter too!*



JOAN BLUMENSTEIN

ADRIANN BOCSKAY

EMMETT BOSAK

JANICE BRINK

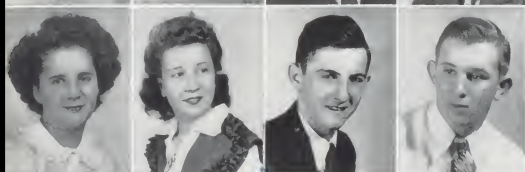


ESQUELINE BURTON

ANGELINE CAPPONY

EDWARD CARIJA

ROBERT CARVER



FLORENCE CAULK

WANDA CHAJA

JOHN CHARLEBOIS

JOHN CHONTOS



MARY CHURCHIA

GENE COFFMAN

ALFRED COHEN

ALLEN COMBS



ALICE CONDO

MAVIS COPLE

CATINA COUTOUZIS

BOB CRANE

ROSEMARY CUMMER . . . "Rose"—1945 Yearbook Staff;  
A-Cappella.

PATRICIA FISCH . . . "Pat"—Senior Dramatic Class;  
Officer in Concert Band; Prom Committee.

DOROTHY DAVIS . . . Senior Honor Society; A-Cappella;  
Girls' Glee Club.

ALICE FISHER . . . Orchestra; Spanish Club.

JAMES DIMITROFF . . . "Jimmy"—Football; Spanish  
Club; Class Basketball.

DOROTHY FLANDERS . . . "Dot"—Publicity Manager  
of Girls' Band.

MARY DOTLICH . . . "Squeez"—G.A.A.; Spanish Club;  
Senior Class Day Committee.

JACQUELINE FLEMMING . . . "Jackie"

ROBERT ELLIOTT . . . "Bob"—Senior Class Assn.  
Football; Basketball.

PATRICIA FREANT . . . "Pat"

ROBERT ELWOOD . . . "Bob."



ROMA EVANS . . . "Ronnie"—Chairman of G.A.A.;  
Social Committee; President of Building and Grounds Com-  
mittee.

PHYLLIS FUHRMAN . . . "Ferd"—G.A.A.; Swimming  
Awards.

BEVERLY FENTON . . . "Bet"—Junior Honor Society;  
G.A.A.; Spanish Club.

RALPH GAGLIARDI . . . "Gag"—R.O.T.C.; Commen-  
tation Committee; Basketball.

BETTY FERGUSON . . . "Ferg"—Roselette Club; 1945  
Yearbook Staff; Latin Club.

LEON GALKA . . . "Clown"—Class Basketball.

KEITH FINK . . . "Ivan"—Senior Honor Society; Bugler;  
Band Officer.

ROBERT GALLAGHER . . . "Bob"—A-Cappella Choir;  
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Thanks for the memory of touchdowns 'neath the lights,  
Of boogie Wednesday nights.



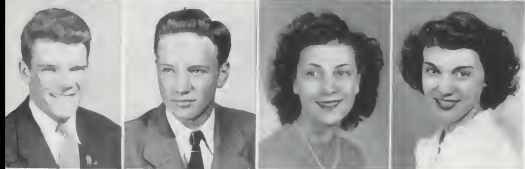
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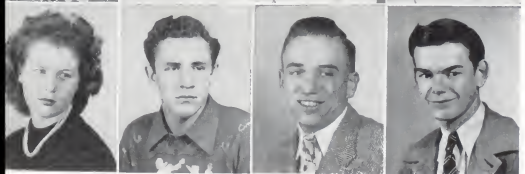


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GEORGIA HUMMER . . . Spanish Club.

DELORES GILE . . . "Dede"—G.A.A. Board; Head of Swimming.

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EUGENE GRIFFITH . . . "Griff"—Melody Makers; Boys' Band Officer; Spanish Club.

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REGINA HAJ . . . "Viegie"

DON JANNEY . . . "Jon"—Sophomore Play; R.O.T.C.; Senior Honor Society.

RICHARD HALL . . . "Dick"—President of A-Cappella Choir; Art Editor of *Emer-Sun News*.

ARTHUR JASCOVIAK . . . "Art"—Class Day Committee; Latin Club; Captain in R.O.T.C.



EVELYN HALVATGIS . . . "Erie"—G.A.A.; Girls' Band; Majorette.

GARRETT JOHNSON . . . "Jobbie"—1945 Yearbook Staff; A-Cappella Choir; Boys' Band.

MARY LOU HELLER . . . "Pnteb"—Christmas Pageant.

BETTY LEE JONES . . . "Bett"—Class Plays; Girls' Glee Club; G.A.A.

DOLORES HILE . . . "Do-Do"—G.A.A. Board; Head of Speedball; Sophomore and Senior Plays.

FRANCES JUAREZ . . . "Fran"—G.A.A.; Orchestra; Girls' Glee Club.

DOROTHY HINCHEY . . . "Dot"—Spanish Club.

JULIAN KAPLAN . . . "Jolting Julie"—Class Basketball; R.O.T.C.; Spanish Club.

AUDREY HINES . . . "Aud"—G.A.A.

ROBERT KAPLAR . . . "Bugs"—President of Orchestra; Spice and Variety; Building and Grounds Committee.



*Remember the register classes, announcements, admits, and passes.*

*Good luck to you all, lads and lassies.*



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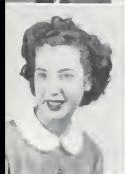


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ROBERT KAPLAN

MARILYN KELLSTROM . . . "Mernie"—A-Cappella Choir;  
Junior and Senior Play; Building and Grounds Committee.

ROMA LEADY . . . "Shorty"

DOROTHY KEPSHIRE . . . "Kep"—Treasurer of Senior  
Class; Majorette.

MERRIT LEFSCH . . . "Slug"—Football; Basketball; Soph-  
omore Class Treasurer.

ERNEST KOENIG . . . "Ernie"—Spanish Club; R.O.T.C.;  
Sophomore Play.

DOROTHY LEWANDOWSKI . . . "Dorth"—Girls' Glee  
Club; Orchestra; A-Cappella Choir.

FRANK KOKOS . . . Football; R.O.T.C.

DONNA LITTLE . . . "Donnie"—Vice-president of Senior  
Class; Annual Staff; G.A.A. Board.

FRANCES KOLAKOWSKI . . . "Fran"—A-Cappella Club

KATHLEEN MCGUIRE . . . "Mug"—G.A.A. Board; Girls'  
Glee Club; A-Cappella Choir.

ROSEMARY KOMLENICH . . . "Rosie"—Editor of the  
*Emer-Sun News*; Junior Honor Society; Freshman Repre-  
sentative on the Board of Control.

DOROTHY KINNEY . . . "Mac"—Football; Vice-presi-  
dent of the Freshman Class.



ADELINE KUCHTA . . . "Adj"—G.A.A. President; Head  
of Booster Committee; Head Cheerleader.

MARY DAWN McLEOD . . . "Myrl"—G.A.A.

ELLEN JEAN KUCK . . . "Jeanie"—Prom Committee;  
Spice and Variety; A-Cappella Choir.

BERNICE MICIKOWSKI . . . "Babs"—Band.

PATRICIA KUZMA . . . "Pat"—Orchestra; Girls' Glee  
Club; Melody Makers.

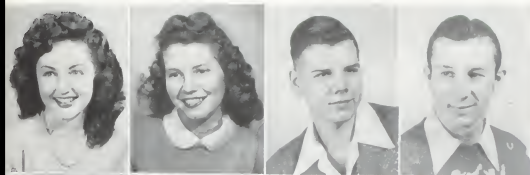
MIKE MIHAL . . . "Mickey"—R.O.T.C.

MARTIN LANDIS . . . "Marty"—Band; Scholarship  
Committee.

GENE MILLER . . . "Di"—Football; Vice-president  
of the Board of Control; Captain of 1944 Track Team.

*We've worked and played and now have made our passing grades*

*You see we're not so dumb, oh, thank you so much.*



MARILYN KELLSTROM  
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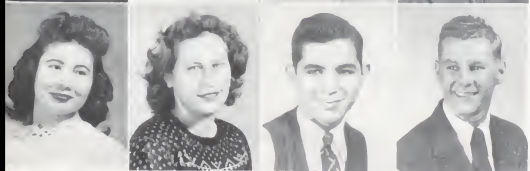
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MIKE MIHAL  
GENE MILLER

JUDITH MILLER . . . "Judy"—1945 Yearbook Staff.

BESSIE PANTINAS . . . "Bessie"—Senior Honor Society;  
1945 Yearbook Staff; A-Cappella Choir.

NED MILLER . . . "Mn"—Senior Class Secretary; Band;  
Rifle Team.

HELEN PANY . . . G.A.A.; Spanish Club; Girls' Glee Club.

NICK MILLER . . . "Fox"—Football; Track; Basketball.

IRENE PAWLOWSKI . . . G.A.A.; Senior Honor Society;  
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ALFRED MOHR . . . "Ted"—Property Manager of Or-  
chestra; Member of the Little Symphony; R.O.T.C.

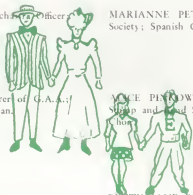
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ENID MOISE . . . "Inky"—Class Plays; Orchestra Officer;  
Senior Honor Society.

MARIANNE PETRAKOS . . . "Becky"—Senior Honor  
Society; Spanish Club; G.A.A.

THERESA MOTTO . . . "Terry"—Treasurer of G.A.A.;  
Spice and Variety; Girls' Conference Chairman.

JOCE PINKOWSKI . . . "Pinkie"—Chairman of the  
Stamp and Book Sales; Senior Dramatic Club; A-Cappella  
Choir.



JIM MULZON . . . "Cooker"—Track Team.

BETTY JANE RANDLE . . . G.A.A.; Girls' Glee Club.

RICHARD OLJACE . . . "Spider"—Assistant Manager of  
Orchestra; R.O.T.C.; Member of the Little Symphony.

ANNA BELLE REILY . . . "Reily"—Business Manager of  
1945 Yearbook Staff; Junior Class Secretary; Class Plays;  
Senior Honor Society.

BENJAMIN O'MELIA . . . "Ben"—Band; Orchestra;  
R.O.T.C.

HAROLD RICKARD . . . "Rick"—R.O.T.C. Rifle Team

JACK PALMER . . . Football; Track.

NORMAN ROBINSON . . . "Robin"—Cross Country;  
Track; Sophomore Play.

*The awful tests? Those Junior pests! The ribbing in the hall.  
How lovely it was!*



JUDITH MILLER

NED MILLER

NICK MILLER

ALFRED MOHR



ENID MOISE

THERESA MOTTO

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GLORIA ROBOIN . . . G.A.A.

RUTH SIMMONS . . .

NORMA RODGERSON . . . Prom Committee; Band Officer.

MARY SKORICH . . . Girls' Glee Club; Spice and Variety; Scholarship Committee.

RUDY ROMISCHER . . . "Red"—Boys' Editor of 1945 Yearbook; Band Officer; R.O.T.C. Officer.

DANIEL SMATANA . . . "Smuts"

JAMES RONCHI . . . "Dago"—Band; Christmas Pageant; Spice and Variety Committee.

DUANE SMELTZER . . . Boys' Band; A-Cappella Choir; Senior Dramatic Club.

 ROBERT ROTTENBERG . . . "Bob"—Spice and Variety; Class Basketball; 1945 Yearbook Staff.

NORMA JEAN SMITH . . . "Smitty"—F.A.B.; Roselette Club; G.A.A.

ELAINE RUBIS . . . "Russian"—G.A.A. Board; Prom Committee; Junior Play.

PEARL SOSSO . . . "Pete"

BRONCO SAMARZIA . . . "Bronc"—Class Basketball.

LOIS SVENDSEN . . . "Red"—Christmas Pageant; Spice and Variety; Majorette.

SAM SARGIS . . . "Persian"—1945 Yearbook Staff; Spanish Club; Class Basketball.

ROBERT SWANSON . . . "Scotty"—Junior Honor Society; Band; Picture Projector Operator.

DOROTHY SHINNERS . . . "Dorse"—F.A.B.; Roselette Club; G.A.A.

ALICE SYLER . . . "Silo"—Senior Honor Society; G.A.A.; Spanish Club.

AUDREY SIDES . . . "Aud"—F.A.B.; Roselette Club; Senior Play and Homecoming Dance Committee.

GWENDOLYN TIMMERMAN . . . "Gwen"—Spanish Club.





Thanks for the memory of the morning bugle call,  
Spring fever in the fall.

*J. Ronchi*  
GLORIA RABOIN

NORMA RODGERSON

RUDY ROMISCHER

JAMES RONCHI  
*eee*

ROBERT ROTTENBERG

ELAINE RUBIS

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DANIEL SMATANA

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NORMA JEAN SMITH

PETER SOPKO

LOIS SVENDSEN

ROBERT SWANSON

ALICE SYLER

GUENDOLYN

TIMMERMAN

MILAN UZELAC . . . *Mike* "Gusbo"—R.O.T.C. Rifle Team;  
Spanish Club.

JOHN WELSH . . . "J. R."—R.O.T.C.

LOUIS VIDAL . . . "Little Lowie"—Football; Band; Class  
Basketball.

ROBERT WELLMAN . . . "Bob."

DELORES VILLANUEVA . . .

JACK WILCZYNSKI . . . "Pinky"—Band Officer; Track;  
Spanish Club.

RICHARD VRTIKAPA . . . "Mucho"—Class Basketball;  
Spanish Club.

EDITH WOTHERSPOON . . . A-Cappella Choir; Girls'  
Glee Club.

GEORGE WAHLSMITH . . . "Bud"—Band; R.O.T.C.  
Officer.

TRIPPOUR YOUNG . . . "Ted"—R.O.T.C.



RUTH ANN WAITT . . . "Rudy"—Senior Honor Society  
Concert Orchestra; A-Cappella Choir.

CHESTER BOKICH . . . "Chet"—President of Board of  
Control; President of Junior Class; Football.

KENNETH WALLACE . . . "Kenny"—Sophomore Play;  
Booster Committee; Scholarship Committee.

EDWARD COOPER . . . "Ed"—R.O.T.C.

LESTER WEISS . . . "Zits"—Basketball; Track Manager;  
Basketball Manager.

Emery's cokes and the junior prom and all our silly fights.

How lovely if u as.

*my friend  
of the  
Louis Vidal*

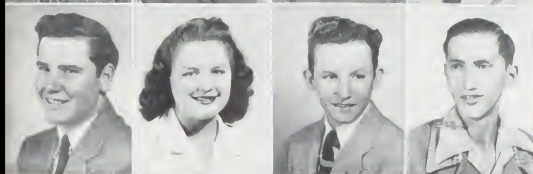


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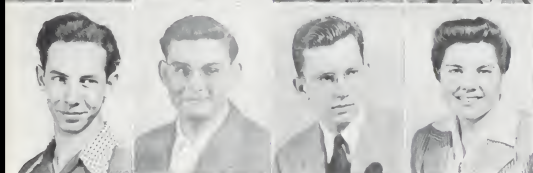


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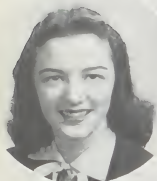
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# SENIOR HALL



**NORMA SMITH**  
"Sweet and Mellow"



**GEORGE ALEXANDER**  
"Quick on the Downbeat"



**AUDREY SIDES**  
"A Cute Number"



**CHARLES BEWICK**  
"Hep to the Jive"



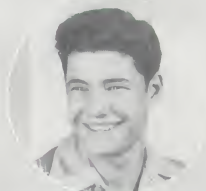
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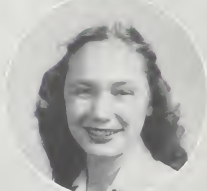
**BOB CRANE**  
"Solid Jackson"



**ROSEMARY KOMLENICH**  
"Priority Plus"



**CHESTER BOKICH**  
"Strictly on the Beam"



**ALICE CONDO**  
"Neat Treat"



**DAN ELLIOTT**  
"Grade A"

Here they are! Seniors of outstanding quality and personality, chosen by you from the senior class of '45. We hope that you too are "hep to the jive jargon" as they are, for you won't find any satisfactory word explanations in Daniel Webster. This is the talk of the "Bobby Sox" Parade, so if you don't understand what we're talking about, jump on the band wagon with us and get "hep."

# OF FAME ★ ★



DAN BARRICK  
"Coke Crowd Casanova"



ANNA BELLE REILY  
"Sunshine Sal"



WARREN JOHNSON  
"A Glad Lad"



ALELINE KUCHTA  
"Slick Chick"



BOB APATHY  
"Juke Box Joe"



CONNIE GARCIA  
"Sleek and all Reet"



RUDY ROMISCHER  
"On the Gravy Train"



DOROTHY SHINNORS  
"Smart and Smooth"



PUNKY BOSAK  
"In the Groove"



DONNA LITTLE  
"A Smooth Bottom"

Taking it for granted that these Jolly Jills and Joes represent the different phases of the ultra-modern coke crowd, let's assume, Watson, that all of them dote on Harry James' records, french fries, cokes and VAN JOHNSON. To say nothing about the other things they manage to squeeze into their spare time. Yes sir, we're "cooking with gas" when we say that these fellows are all around characters.

# IN REVIEW

## SEPTEMBER —

School begins . . . lots of new faces . . . whole school on warpath with wild cry of "NO ANNUAL." (We finally won, Heh!) Miss Tappan sponsors the 1945 *Emersonian*. Irene Kuchta, who was chosen "Miss Gary Cigarette," turns down offer from John Powers. (Easy girls). First senior class meeting with President George Alexander introducing the class officers and making plans for a mid-winter prom.

## OCTOBER —

"D-Day" (Diploma Day) ain't far away, so we start ordering our announcements and calling cards. A committee headed by chairman Sam Sargis and Miss Grieger, Senior sponsor, selected the style for the class of "45." Emerson becomes photogenic . . . everybody taking class pictures (aw nertz!) First edition of *The Emer-Sun News* goes on sale October 2, 1944.

## NOVEMBER —

Sophomores started off the 11th month by giving "Seven Little Rebels" as their class play . . . Booster Committee sponsors Apple Day . . . statistics . . . 426 apples sold at 10c each. (Hm, a thriving business!)

Yearbook pep session says, "Get hep to the jive, buy an annual in '45." Armistice day . . . we face the east with a solemn prayer as the bugle sounds taps. Roosevelt re-elected to a 4th term. Seniors discussing and exchanging politicians' views in halls and classes. (Okay, so Dewey lost—here's your money).

Mr. W. W. Wright, Dean of Indiana University Freshman Division, speaks to graduating seniors in the auditorium. (Typical question—"are you going to college?")

Annual football banquet—27 receive major letters. (Oliver even got one!) Gene Miller and Louis Karras elected co-captains. Donna Little voted football queen.

## DECEMBER —

Emerson students swarm Gary stores for Christmas work. Hey! Where are all the seniors? (War effort, you know!) Invitations given to Alice Syler, Bob Elwood, Dorothy Davis, Anna Belle Reily, Mike Coutouzis, Irene Pawlowski, Frieda Bando, and Enid Moise by Senior Honor Society. Honor Society sees "Winged Victory" in Chicago with Miss Tappan. (Talking about snow, whew!)

Traditional Christmas Pageant, "The Birthday of a King." Annual holiday tournament—Emerson nosed out in finals, 40 to 38. (Grrr!) Prom Committee headed by Chairman Charles Bewick, sponsors, Miss Harrison and Miss Benscoter, meets weekly to plan for the 1945 prom.

1945 called "Puppet Year"—(Everybody's walking around with dolls.) Social dancing begins . . . (Where's the R.O.T.C. every Thursday??)

## JANUARY —

Mr. Montgomery keeps busy shoveling snow (P.S. It snowed again today). This makes 45 consecutive days of snow! Emerson's own "Melody Makers" claimed *tops* at Y.W.C.A. dance by high schoolers. The *Scrbs* and the *Persians* missed having another holiday—(New Year's was on Sunday).

Day of mourning and torment—EEEE-O-NOMICS test on second day after vacation. R.O.T.C. commissions given out in auditorium. Leland Penrod and Elwood receive medals from *The Chicago Tribune*. Tuxedo shortage (The seniors and juniors got their first). This day should go down in History . . . Bob Rottenberg did something right in annual staff! Or should we say ????? Anshel Rackoff actually took the pictures he had scheduled. (Miss Tappan is recovering beautifully from the shock).

## FEBRUARY —

Orchestra Concert—Bob Kaplar and Keith Fink, soloists. Junior-Senior Prom held on Feb. 3rd. (Feb. 4th—Ughh). Emerson beats Valpo in the first game of the sectionals, 50 to 27; Wallace 40 to 39; Horace Man, 37 to 35, and wallops Kouts in the climax game 60 to 16, to win the Gary Sectional



Tourney. (Call out the fire dept!—Emerson students build massive bon-fire after sectionals.) *Emer-Sun News* sponsors "Jack and Jill" elections.

Bob Elliott and Dorothy Kephshire voted as most outstanding senior boy and girl.

Emerson's servicemen come home again. Bill Levack, Bob Kemp, "Boobie" Lazar, Joe Zeman, John Kolettis, Bob Umpleby, Bob Cannon, Fred Bednar, George McKinney, Bill Sullivan, and Jack Palmer roam the halls of Emerson and warm the foot-warmers again. More Emersonians leave in February. (They either come or go!) They include: Merritt Lesch, Julian Kaplan, Ted Young, and Bob Carver. (You'd think there was a war on!)

## MARCH —

Third month enters "Like a Lamb."

Juniors present "No Man's Land" on March 2. Oh! Goodie! More Tuesday matinee dances!

Warren Johnson speaks before Rotary Club on *Peace and the Air Age: Rotary's Opportunity*.

Oh! Those wonderful janitors! We get a 5 day vacation because of janitor's strike. "Play" is resumed on the 15th.

Annual staff personality dance . . . 10 personalities chosen.

(Our casualties mounted as the ballots were counted.) (Motto)

*Emer-Sun News* sponsors "Prince Charming" and "Cinderella" elections. Dick Colley and Helen Donahoe chosen as outstanding junior boy and girl. Senior dramatic class presents traditional *Everyman*.

## APRIL —

April Fool's Day and Easter share the same day. (It was Easter until about 6:30 p.m.)

Aw! Back to school after *another* one of those vacations.

Senior Honor Society inductions: 18 new members inducted.

Military Ball held on 7th . . . Emerson's officers receive commissions and medals. Entire school as well as city stunned by the death of our great president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Students rated Roosevelt as "One of the Greatest."

Director H. S. Warren selects Friday the 13th for the combined bands concert. Nothing happened . . . yet! (Delayed action) State solo contest at Whiting. Emerson's instrumentors walk off with the contest earning many medals.

## MAY —

Senior play "Letters to Lucerne" May 11th and homecoming dance.

Orchestra concert.

Class day and memorial committees meet to plan for our class day.

## JUNE —

Vocal groups present annual Spring Festival.

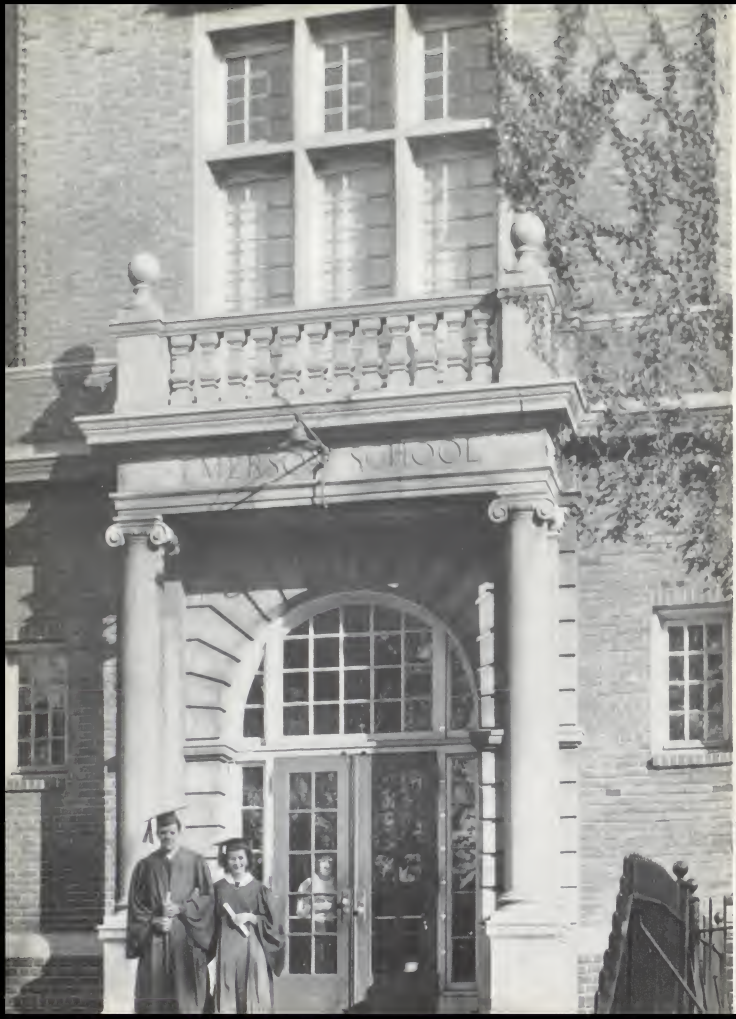
Senior Stunt day. (It's surprising how many seniors can act.?)

Senior Class Day. Highlights were, the announcing of the Ralph Brasacmle award winner and the transmission of the scepter by our president, George Alexander, to the Junior president, George Colley. Convocation—Our last romp down Broadway in caps and gowns.

"Pomp and Circumstance" drew tears at commencement as we march down the aisle of Memorial Auditorium.

and gave the valedictory and the salutatory respectively.

Thus we ended the last of our years at our beloved school, Emerson, which we shall remember forever.



See that you are in the  
first ten of your class  
when you graduate. Hurray,  
my hurray!

224 Wendell

Jimmy

You're kinda

stupid, but you're still  
a swell guy so I hope  
you have the best of luck

Gordon Boyan

Dear Jim

We had a lot of fun  
together remember when  
you and Clem. made a  
double promotion into  
my class and then we  
were together now in  
my class. It sure was  
fun being with you and  
I hope we can have  
the honor of graduating  
you Pal always.

Joe Clemick





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Dear James  
I've always  
thought you were  
an Emersonian  
I know you  
as nice a personality  
as Mr. Johnson.  
Even better,  
your Pal  
George McGovern

Dear James,  
to a swell guy  
and also a fine  
classmate

Dear Jim,  
this to a  
fine guy and  
a

hello  
to the future

Dear James  
Good  
to a

James  
luck  
a fellow  
to far  
old  
the  
son.  
fine  
wishes  
al Johnson



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1998 (Department of Health 1999).

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